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Fed Is Ready to Rescue Tokyo Banks in a Crisis Deep Concern Barings Erred, Over Liquidity Singapore Says

By Keith Bradsher New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Worried about the financial health of Japanese banks, the Federal Reserve Board has arranged with panese financial authorities that the Fed will provide billions of dollars almost instantly in exchange for Treasury bonds and bills in case of a sudden cash crisis, according to government officials.
While the U.S. central bank has re-

sponded to shortages of credit in the past by buying huge sums in Treasury securities

notably during the stock market collapse of 1987 — the new agreement appears to be the first time in memory that the Fed has sought in advance to guard against a possible crisis in this way.

The move appears to reflect the deep concern among American financial officials about the potential for trouble among Japanese financial institutions, many of which are far larger than the biggest banks in the United States. The arrangement with Japan would give American regulators a presumably risk-free way of dampening the shock waves from any possible Japanese liquidity crisis.

In such a crisis, one or more Japanese banks with more assets than liabilities might nonetheless find themselves suddenly unable to raise enough ready cash to meet a debt that was due immediately. In the worst case, that could potentially set off a chain reaction of defaults affecting banks around the world.

In Tokyo, bankers said Tuesday that the U.S. plan eased their worries over a potentially perilous lack of liquidity, though they noted that Japan's underlying financil problems remain a long-term challenge. In

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By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS --- In a landmark decision

ropean Court of Justice on Tuesday struck

down a German law that favors hiring or

promoting women in areas where they

The Luxembourg-based court ruled that

the German state of Bremen overstepped

European legislation on equal opportunity

by seeking to guarantee equal results be-

tween women and men in the job market.

make up less than half the work force.

By Michael Richardson

SINGAPORE - The British merchant bank Barings could have been saved earlier this year if senior management as late as January — less than a month before the bank collapsed — had heeded a number of obvious warnings, a report by Singapore inspectors from Price Waterhouse accountants said Tuesday.

The inspectors castigated Barings's top managers and obliquely criticized the Bank of England for lack of effective supervision, but offered only a mild rebuke to Simex, the Singapore International Monetary Exchange. Reacting to the report, Singapore offi-cials indicated that further criminal

charges might follow based on its findings. The report said the fact that the managers in London and Singapore claimed to be unaware of an account set up two and half years earlier by Nick Leeson, the bank's chief trader in Singapore, "gives rise to a strong inference that key individuals of the Baring Group's management were grossly negligent, or wilfully blind and reckless to the truth," the inspectors said.

Mr. Leeson, who is in prison in Germany awaiting possible extradition to Singapore on charges of forgery and fraud, allegedly used the account, known as 88888, to hide the extent of his trading losses and artificially generate profits. Barings collapsed afterwards with losses of 2.2 billion ngapore dollars (\$1.5 billion).

The report said that in January, Peter Norris, Barings chief executive officer, "assisted by" James Bax, managing director of Baring Futures (Singapore) Pte., sought to conceal an unauthorized transac-

The decision appeared to outlaw the use of quotas in affirmative action legislation in

the 15 nations of the European Union.

'National rules that guarantee women

absolute and unconditional priority for

appointment or promotion go beyond promoting equal opportunities," the court

Senior officials of the European Parlia-

ment and the European Commission criti-

cized the decision and said they would

consider amending the 1976 EU equal op-

officials and legal experts said.

said in its decision.

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Europe's Court Strikes Down Hiring Quota for Women

crimination in favor of women.

Parliament

for working women in Europe," said Pau-line Green, leader of the Socialist Group,

the biggest party bloc in the European

"Today's ruling has damaged positive action for women," said Barbara Nolan, a

spokeswoman for Employment Commis-

sioner Padraig Flynn. She said the ruling

would have a significant impact across

Europe, particularly in countries like Aus-

tria, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Italy and



Rescue workers evacuating one of the 29 people wounded in the Tuesday blast.

portunity directive to restore positive dis- the Netherlands that mandate various

"The judges are out of touch with reality in EU law was fraught with difficulty. An

types of positive discrimination.

amendment must have unanimous support

from all 15 EU members, but Britain, at

least, rejects quotas. "The difficulty with

new legislation is that you may end up with

a weaker situation," a Parliament official

A spokeswoman for Britain's Depart-

ment of Education and Employment

hailed the ruling as in line with U.K. policy

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Chirac Holds Firm On Algerian Policy Despite Bomb Attack

Latest Train Explosion Wounds 29; Leaders to Go Ahead With Meeting

By Barry James

PARIS - President Jacques Chirac, refusing to yield to terrorist pressure after a bomb wounded 29 people Tuesday on an underground train in Paris, is going ahead with his plan to meet his Algerian counterpart in New York this weekend.

The bomb ripped through a rush-hour suburban train five days after a publica-tion close to the Armed Islamic Group in Algeria said France was committing 'sui-cide" by becoming involved in the "shift-ing sands" of the Algerian civil war. The group, known by its French initials GIA, has been linked to seven attacks since July that have wounded about 160 people.

Prime Minister Alain Juppe said France would not be deflected from its policy of trying to bring together the warring sides in Algeria.

Although Algerian fundamentalists consider the New York meeting an expression of support for the Algerian regime, Mr. Juppé said that France had no desire to become involved in the affairs of its former

Mr. Juppé said Mr. Chirac would meet President Liamine Zeroual on Oct. 22, at the Algerian's request, and would tell him, "Dialogue, common sense and democracy must triumph over criminal folly."

"France will not capitulate to barba-

rism," Mr. Juppé said.

The bomb Tuesday went off shortly after 7 A.M. in a train that had entered Paris from the west. Two of the five seriously wounded passengers were listed in critical condition after shrapnel severed limbs. The blast occurred while the train was in

a tunnel between the stops at the Orsay Museum and Place St. Michel. A similar explosion July 25 at the St. Michel station killed seven passengers and wounded 84.
As in other attacks, the terrorists packed a camping-gas canister with explosives and

The bomb was lodged under a seat and went off with a roar that jolted the entire n and ripped apart the second car.

"There was a huge explosion," a passenger said. "The train stopped, and the engineer told us, 'Don't move.' We were engulfed in smoke. After a few seconds, we

heard the first cries from the wounded." Passengers sat in darkness amid smoke and the smell of gunpowder for several minutes until rescue workers led them back 600 meters to the nearest station. Two hun-

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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S.

dred firemen, mobile surgical units, hundreds of police and helicopters responded. Doctors set up field units in an underground station and in the hall of the Orsay Museum to prepare the seriously wounded victims for transport to the hospital.

With Algerian elections a month off, French authorities are braced for further terrorist incidents. The government launched a major anti-terrorist operation last month, bringing in thousands of troops to support the police, stepping up identity checks and reimposing border controls.

The mayor of Paris, Jean Tiberi, said he did not see what more could be done, and the president of the state railroads. Jean Bergougnoux, said it was impossible to check the bags of the more than 2 million passengers who travel into Paris by train every day. He urged passengers to be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior or objects to the authorities.

Mr. Juppe praised the "sangfroid" of the public in the face of attacks aimed at "the heart of the French nation." He also paid tribute to what he called the dignified reaction of the Islamic community to the

Mr. Chirac said in Madrid last week that he would seek to nudge General Zeroual toward "real democracy" by opening a dialogue with the Islamic and secular opposition parties that are boycotting the Nov. 16 election. The planned meeting will be the first of its kind since the militarybacked Algerian government annulled the result of elections three years ago after a victory by the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front.

The Front has condemned what it calls France's support for the Algerian government but has publicly renounced the terrorist attacks and said it had no wish to extend the Algerian conflict to French ter-

But the more radical Armed Islamic Group warned in a statement faxed to news agencies in Cairo this month that France could expect "military strikes in no respite until Islam had triumphed. The group had earlier demanded that Mr. Chirac convert to Islam.

A clandestine bulletin, El Ansar, which is close to the group, warned last week of new attacks in French cities and published a picture of the Eiffel Tower exploding into fragments.

The bombing Tuesday reinforced the suspicions of police that several terrorist cells are operating in France, although the method used has been identical in all the attacks.

Several suspects, most of them Algerian immigrants, had been detained for questioning following the earlier attacks. On Tuesday, police were seeking three men seen speeding away in a dark sedan after the bombing.

Jewish Leaders Repudiate Overture by Farrakhan

By Brian Knowlton International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — As many blacks went home from the "Million Man March" here with new enthusiasm for confronting the problems facing their communities, the gathering quickly opened a partisan political debate Tuesday and did nothing to ease the raw relations between the militant plack leader Louis Farrakhan and the nation's Jewish leaders.
Entering a fray defined by an inflamma-

ble mixture of race, religion and politics, at least two Republican presidential candidates took President Bill Clinton to task for not denouncing Mr. Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam who organized the rally, in more direct terms. Jewish leaders expressed no such con-

cern about Mr. Clinton's remarks in a speech at the University of Texas at Austin, in which he asked Americans to fight against the country's racial divisions. But they unanimously rejected Mr. Farrakhan's offer, made at what was the larg-

est civil rights rally in U.S. history, to meet

with them in a bid at conciliation. "Because Farrakhan's message yesterday was packaged in a context of sweet-ness and light," Rabbi Paul Menitoff of the Central Conference of American Rab-bis said in a telephone interview, "I'm concerned that people are going to assume that we have a new Farrakhan. But he's

still spewing anti-Semitism.

on the fringes of black leadership to a position somewhat nearer the mainstream,

some analysts said Tuesday.
On the political front, two Republicans jumped into the issue. Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader and a candidate for president, said that Mr. Farrakhan's ideology was a matter of serious concern. Referring to President Clinton's speech in Texas while the Washington rally was under way, he said he was "shocked and dismayed" that Mr. Clinton "did not find the moral courage to denounce Louis Farrakhan by

Another Republican candidate, Lamar Alexander, the former governor of Tennessee, said: "Louis Farrakhan preaches racism and anti-Semitism. President Clinton should have the courage to condemn him

Their comments drew fire from one political commentator, David S. Broder of The Washington Post. For Republican candidates to react that way to what was probably the president's most serious address on race, he said Tuesday on CNN, was "such an abdication of their own leadership it's stunning."

Two other contenders for the Republican nomination, Patrick Buchanan and Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, assailed

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Mr. Christopher testifying Tuesday with Secretary of Defense William J. Perry and the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, General John Shalikashvili.

Microsoft Profit Soars

Microsoft Corp. said Tuesday its net profit rose 58 percent in its first financial quarter, to \$499 million, helped by strong sales of its new Windows 95 operating system. Microsoft's revenue rose in the quarter to \$2.02 billion from \$1.25 billion a year ago. But the company warned that sales might not be able to match that pace in the coming quarter as sales of Windows 95 stabilize. (Page 19)

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The rally, which the U.S. Park Service said drew 400,000 men, appeared likely to help propel Mr. Farrakhan from his role Next Stop on the Patriots' Tour: A Missile Silo Museum Next Stop on the Patriots' Tour: A Missile Silo Museum

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By James Brooke New York Times Service

WALL, South Dakota - For 30 years the unmarked chain-link fence on Dale Keyser's dry pasture land enclosed a 36-ton missile that could fly over the North Pole and carbonize a Russian city in less than 30 minutes. Now, in an era of disarmament, Mr. Keyser calculates that the same security fence designed to foil Soviet saboteurs should also be able to stop South Dakota deer

"It's right by my hayfields -it'll be easy to use as a hay corral," Mr. Keyser, 76, a farmer, said of his recently deactivated Minuteman-2 missile site. "Other ranchers may find it handy to use theirs as a cattle corral."

In a coda to the Cold War, demolition crews contracted by the U.S. Air Force methodically moved across this

landscape of grasslands and gullies last summer, destroying empty underground missile silos.

Because of the arms reduction treaty signed by President George Bush in 1992, all 150 Minuteman missiles in South Dakota have been removed from the silos, which are about 80 feet (24 meters) deep. The missiles have been dismantled for recycling or saved in warehouses. The 1.5 megaton warheads have been sent to Texas for disassem-

bly.
"If you don't have the gun, the bullet is not much use," said Tim Pavek, a civilian engineer who directs the silo destruction program from Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, 30 miles west of this town of 834 people in southwest-central South Dakota.

With the air force paying \$185,000 to destroy each silo, Gene S. Williams, president of the Missile Area Land-owners Association, believes the federal government is "pouring more good money down the hole."

"It seems like an awful lot of dollars to destroy something that, given the way the world works, they may be building five to 10 years from now somewhere else," Mr. Williams said,

Major Joseph Mecadon, public relations officer at Ellsworth, mourns the lack of public interest in the deactivation program.

"We're taking a step back from the nuclear abyss nobody knows, nobody cares," he said, recalling that disarmament demonstrations were regular events at South Dakota silos in the late 1980s.

Although few ranchers will admit to missing their missiles, a bit of ICBM nostalgia is sweeping this corner of the High Plains. And for a rural town like Wall, the end of the arms race means bad roads and higher electricity rates. Scattered over a thinly populated area, the Minute-

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Hamas Poised To Renounce Terror Attacks

By Barton Gellman Washington Post Service

GAZA CITY - Hamas, the leading Palestinian voice of unvielding war with Israel, is poised to suspend its "military operations" and field candidates for election to a new legislature created by agree-ment with the Jewish state, according to senior Hamas leaders and a draft agreement with Yasser Arafat.

The mere contemplation of such an accord — albeit not with Israel but with Mr.

Israel criticizes Syria and Iran for its support of terrorists in Lebanon. Page 2.

Arafat's Palestinian Authority — marks a stunning turnabout for the Islamic Resis-

Hamas has stood foursquare against the peace deal with Israel and used suicide bombings to make good on a charter de-scribing "every inch of Palestine" as its indivisible goal and "death for the sake of God" its most coveted desire.

The shift, expressed in interviews with

senior Hamas leaders here and in the text of a draft accord with Mr. Arafat, reflects the Islamic movement's profound loss of strength in the past six months.

A crackdown by Mr. Arafat and a sharp decline in street support have left Hamas with many of its local leaders dead or jailed, its newspaper closed and its mosque preachers submitting sermons to police censorship.

According to an opinion poll released last week, 11 percent of the Palestinian public supports Hamas — down from nearly 40 percent in less formal surveys two years ago and from 18 percent from the same polister, the Jerusalem Media and Communication Center, in June.

Many Hamas leaders, according to Pal-See HAMAS, Page 8

An Extraordinary Departure / Murders and Kidnappings

In Honduras, Prosecutors Take On the Military

By Douglas Farah Vashington Post Service

EGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Milton Jiménez remembers the day in 1982 when he and five other students were arrested, taken to a clandestine prison outside the capital, threatened with death, submerged in water and kept from breathing beneath a rubber bood. But he never thought there would be a day of reckoning for his captors.

Last July, however, a civilian prosecutor took the unprecedented step of indicting eight Honduran Army officers and two enlisted men n connection with Mr. Jiménez's ordeal. All 10 either belonged to or provided intelligence to Battalion 316, a CIA-trained intelligence unit accused of scores of murders and kidnappings. The prosecutor formally charged them with kidnapping and called on Mr. Jiménez and other survivors to testify.

The prosecutor's move marked an extraor-dinary departure from the general Latin Amer-ican rule of military impunity. As a result, it set off a political earthquake here, where the mil-itary traditionally has regarded itself as the ultimate fort of power ultimate font of power.

The case has also sparked a re-examination of the role that the United States and its Central Intelligence Agency played during a time of human rights abuses by some in the Honduran military - which was a key U.S. ally in making Honduras a springboard for the U.S.-sponsored "contra" war against the Marxist Sandinista government in neighboring Nicaragua. But the question now is whether anything will come of the indictment.

In a rare display of defiance, judicial authorities yow that the process will go forward in the courts. But the Honduran military, whose power has long outstripped that of the civilian government, has balked at even having its men testify. It has made threatening gestures — including a drive-by of tanks in downtown Tegucigalpa — against continuing the judicial process, while the armed forces commander, General Luís Alonso Discua, has made it clear that as far as he is concerned, the 10 defendants are not guilty of anything.

arly signs are that the military, as usual, will get its way. The office of Judge Roy Medina, who is leading the judicial inquiry, has been shot at, and the judge has received a stream of death threats. So he has declined to issue arrest warrants for the men despite the prosecutor's request to do so. Instead, he has asked them only to answer questions.

The defense lawyer, Carlos López, said Tuesday that his 10 clients refuse to appear before a judge to respond to the charges, citing a 1991 amnesty. Judge Medina responded that they "must appear" for questioning. So far

they have not. Numerous Latin American nations have tried and failed to mete out justice for human rights abuses carried out by the state during the ideological wars of the past. In every case, investigations have been accompanied by broad amnesties. Mr. López, the defense lawyer, said

are innocent or guilty. They have armesty."

But the indictments here are the latest in a series of small but significant challenges to the military by the civilian government of President



General Luís Alonos Discua says the accused soldiers "are absolved of any guilt."

Carlos Reina, who took office 20 months ago. He has moved to abolish the draft and to shift the police from military to civilian control.

President Reina declined to be interviewed on these issues. His spokesman said any interview request must be submitted a month in advance along with written questions. One issue facing him and his country is

what can be done now. General Discua called a press conference the military men "have my support and solidarity as well as the support and solidarity" of the entire military institution. In an in-

terview, General Discua said the men were

covered by the 1991 amnesty and "in reality, these 10 are absolved of any guilt." General Discua, who was trained in in-

telligence operations by the United States, was the commander of Battalion 316 for several months in 1984. "We have seen how these cases have re-

cently been stirred up again, and we understand that is more a matter of policies from outside the country than inside," he said.

one way or another, involved here in the decade of the 1980s, where the East-West conflict was very much a part of Central America. The impact of that conflict led Honduras to

be involved in this type of situation."
Unlike neighboring Nicaragua and El Salvador, Honduras never was a battleground in those wars. But the nation, with a per capita income of \$540 a year, became a central operating area for U.S. military and CIA efforts to topple the Sandinistas in Nicaragua and to defeat the leftist insurgency in El Salvador. In Nicaragua and El Salvador, tens of thousands of civilians were tortured and killed by government forces. Here the Committee of Relatives of the Detained and Disappeared of Honduras documented 184 disappearances in

Throughout the 1980s there were numerous reports that the CIA and State Department were aware of Honduran military tactics of forced disappearances and torture of suspected leftists. But in December 1993, Leo Val-ladares, the national human rights commis-sioner, went further. He issued an imprece-dented report accusing the Honduran military of responsibility in the murders, including accounts by brigade members who said they saw

a CIA presence during some interrogations.

The report, entitled "The Facts Speak for Themselves," documented 14 "illustrative cases" of how Battalion 316 tortured and

On Aug. 2, Mr. Valladares requested that the Clinton administration declassify information on six cases, as well as any information on Battalion 316, and on a list of officers who were involved with the unit. The next day, tanks rumbled through the streets of the capital in a move that many civilians interpreted as a show

General Discua later said the army was merely warming up the engines in preparation for a military parade.

t is possible to prosecute the Jiménez case because the victims survived to tell what happened. Mr. Jiménez said he and the five other student activists were abducted from a small downtown apartment at about 5 A.M. on April 27, 1982, by 15 armed men dressed in civilian clothes, and were only spared because two daughters of a government official were among those seized.

The official came out to protest and was also prested. However, he was freed when his identity was established, and he spearheaded a drive to free his daughters, who were taken first to a police station, then to a clandestine jail.

The six, Mr. Jiménez said, were taken to a country house owned by Colonel Amilcar Zelaya, identified by several witnesses as a large clandestine prison where prisoners were

routinely tortured and killed. There, he said, they were beaten, had rubber hoods placed over their heads until they nearly suffocated and were told repeatedly they would be killed if they did not talk. Then the order came to free the students.

"There should be an arrest order," one prosecutor said, "because the abduction took place and there were lots of witnesses.

COMING UP

Almost 28 years after taking power, President Suharto has left succession in Indonesia unresolved. Instead, he is talking about leading his nation into the next century.

ing to give up his German pass-

port, and in 1993 won a seat in

Parliament. The party to which

he then belonged, the Latvian

National Independence Move-

ment, soon expelled him for not

supporting its program. He was

later expelled from Parliament

a law that bans inflammatory

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many to face the court, and that

will run for president of Latvia

Mr. Siegerist's emergence il-

lustrates the unusual nature of

citizenship laws in Latvia. Nearly one-third of the coun-

He appealed the sentence,

for chronic absenteeism.

Israel Condemns Iran and Syria

It Says They Encourage Guerrillas in Lebanon

By Serge Schmemann
New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — The gov-emment of Israel assailed Syria and Iran on Tuesday for their Israel Radio. "It makes a grave support of Hezbollah guerrilias in southern Lebanon who have killed nine Israeli soldiers in the last week.

But there were no indications that Israel would launch a major retaliatory attack.

Even as families buried the six soldiers killed in an attack Sunday, some people here questioned whether the Israel needed to maintain the costly buffer zone inside Lebanon that it established 10 years ago to stop Palestinian attacks.

"The cabinet condemns the

government of Iran, which directly aids the Hezbollah terrorists, and denounces the government of Syria, which, Israeli offensives. although it is capable of doing the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said in a

The statement reflected Israel's belief that Iran is the main backer of the Shiite fundamen-God, movement in Lebanon. and its conviction that Syria could rein in the guerrillas if it in northern Galilee. wanted to. Syria intervened to

'Syria apparently thinks that by encouraging terror attacks. we'll be pressured in all that relates to peace negotiations with it. Mr. Rabin said on mistake."

The cabinet also said that the Israeli Army and the Arab militia it maintains in southern Lebanon had the "freedom of action necessary for the struggle against Hezbollah.'

Lebanon has placed its army on full alert against the pos-sibility of retaliation, and Israel canceled all leaves in the buffer zone. But the government made no threat of retaliation, and 🖫 raeli cabinet ministers downplayed the chance of such an attack, especially since it would probably provoke Hezboliah to fire rockets into northern Israel. as it has before in response to

The measured response also so, does not prevent but rather gives backing to the terrorist activity of this organization," reflected a recognition by the government that the deaths did not necessarily reflect an escalation of Hezbollah activity. but rather a nasty turn of fate that led two Israeli vehicles to hit mines within three days.

After Israel withdrew from Lebanon in 1985, it set up a 15talist Hezbollah, or Party of kilometer wide "security zone" along the length of the border to protect its settlements

In the past year, the army halt the Lebanese civil war in shifted its tactics in the zone 1975 and maintains the peace from an emphasis on observawith a force of 35,000 solders. tion posts, which were vulner-Syria and Lebanon are also able to guerrilla attacks, to the last of Israel's neighbors not small-scale patrols and strikes. to have made peace with the But that made the Israelis vul-Jewish state, and efforts by the nerable to the sort of land mines United States to set up nego- and remotely detonated explotiations over the past year have sives that blew up two patrols over the past week.

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TRAVEL UPDATE

Italy and Air Controllers in Accord

ROME (Reuters) — The government said it reached agreement with air traffic controllers Tuesday to end a work action that has snarled air travel in Italy for more than a month.

"We now have the conditions for a positive turnaround in a sector of fundamental importance," the government said in a statement following a meeting between union leaders and the ministers of transportation and labor. The controllers have been working to rule, periodically sparling air traffic over Italy Poor weather in the north and maintenance work in Rome further disrupted flights in the last few days. Alitalia said it had canceled 60 flights on Tuesday

Under the accord, controllers will change the structure of their organization to gain more flexibility. The government has promised to study staffing levels and invest in new technology.

Tourists Safe, Mubarak Declares

CAIRO (AP) — Dismissing threats by militants, President Hosni Mubarak on Tuesday called Egypt a "secure country" for the millions of tourists who visit each year. Attacks by militants in the south and the repercussions of the 1991 Gulf War scared off tourists for several years. The government says tourism is rebounding, with the number of visitors surpassing the record of 3 million set in 1990.

*Egypt is a unique touristic resort and no power on this earth will be able to disrupt this secure country and its generous people who protect and care for the rights of all tourists." Mr. Mubarak said in a nationally televised speech at a tourism conference.

Last year, a German judge **Burma Seeks to Reassure Visitors** sentenced Mr. Siegerist to an 18-month jail term for violating

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Burmese officials called here Monday for more foreign investment in the country's growing tourism industry and criticized the international press for allegedly scaring away business people and travelers.

"It is absolutely safe and enjoyable to travel in Myanmar and we invite everyone to come and see it," said Brigadier General Tin Aye, deputy minister of hotels and tourism in Burma's military government, at seminar aimed at generating greater investment in hotels, transportation and public works projects.

Twenty-five Skye islanders protesting the highest bridge tolls in Europe were arrested when they blockaded the newly opened bridge linking Skye to the Scottish mainland.

The first section of Sofia's subway began running Tuesday on a trial basis, the BTA news agency said.



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A German Far-Rightist Shakes Up Latvian Democracy

By Stephen Kinzer

New York Times Service RIGA, Latvia - A failed German politician and organizer for far-right causes has emerged as a major force in Latvia, even though he became a citizen just three years ago. speaks no Latvian and is facing a prison term at home for inciting racial hatred.

The stunning success of Joachim Siegerist in parliamentary elections two weeks ago has put him in a strong position as talks begin on forming a new government. Even if he does not become part of the government, he will probably influence its course.

In an attempt to calm fears for a vote aimed at bringing that 80 percent of politicians that Mr. Siegerist's triumph en- down the government. dangers progress toward

to file a formal application. 'This document is our answer to doubts which have been expressed outside the borders of

our country," he said. The uncertainty into which Latvia has been thrown comes as neighboring Baltic states are showing signs of turmoil. Estonia's government collapsed Wednesday, and opposition parties in Lithuania's Parliament have begun proceedings

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In the voting for Parliament democracy, President Guntis Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, Mr. Ulmanis announced last week Siegerist's party, For Latvia, that Latvia was applying for won 15 percent of the vote, membership in the European twice what pre-election polls Union. It is the first Baltic state predicted. That put it in second place, barely behind the center-left Democratic Party, which captured 15.3 percent.

the Soviet Union now faded, Larvians are more concerned with the hardships of life. Political scandals have strengthened the feeling that the new political and economic system does not benefit the majority.

With the exhilaration that accompanied independence from

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here are corrupt, which is probably true, and that ignoring people's real social needs is a nasty thing to do, which is probably also true," said a senior European diplomat in Riga.

Mr. Siegerist, 48, won his popularity by opening soup kitchens and distributing food and medicine to needy people, especially the elderly.

corruption, an end to labor conflict and "law and order."

His new political success is the latest phase in a checkered

ganization in Germany called German Conservatives, which he described as dedicated to fighting "fanatic Jews in Israel" and preventing Germany from being "flooded with for-eigners." Later he joined a campaign to free the former Nazi leader Rudolf Hess, who was serving a life term for war crimes.

In 1968 he founded an or-

In his campaign, he promised to bring Lavia out of its "deep misery" by guaranteeing a sta
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Algerian Reporter, 27, Shot Dead

journalist here, the second in two days, the victim's newspaper reported Tuesday.

Saida Diebaili, 27, a reporter was in a car. The unidentified

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So far no individual or group with the Algiers daily Arab has claimed responsibility for Life, was shot several times in the two murders, but Muslim the head on Monday while she militants are suspected, police sources said.

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nic Russians, and although many have lived here for decades and some were born here, restrictive laws make them ineligible for citizenship.

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Get Moving, the Reformists Urge

WASHINGTON — As Representative Christopher Shays, Republican of Connecticut, sees it, Democrats who came to Congress in 1992 with a promise to clean up the political system "had their heart in the right place but failed to deliver"

Now, Republican congressmen who swept into power with the same pledge in 1994 are nearing the end of their first year with little progress toward fulfilling it, and Mr. Shays is

getting anxious.

For Representative Linda A. Smith, Republican of Washington, the party's plight is summed up by her growing file of political cartoons lampooning the Republicans for talking reform while taking campaign contributions from special interests, including one that shows the Capitol with a "For Rent" sign pasted over the old sign that read "For Sale."

Mr. Shays and Ms. Smith are among a handful of junior Republican and Democratic lawmakers from both houses who are attempting to jump-start the reform effort that came

who are attempting to jump-start the reform effort that came out of the 1994 elections but stalled in the face of budget and other priorities of the new Republican leadership.

Their goals include enactment of long-thwarted legislation to overhaul Congress's campaign finance system, House passage of Senate-approved measures to tighten rules governing lobbyists and gifts to lawmakers, reductions in congressional pensions, a slowing of the "revolving door" through which retiring members pass into the lucrative world of lobbying and, for some, term limits for members of Congress.

But leaders of the two houses have been preoccupied with other issues and have set off hesitant signals about their intentions on political reform, swearing their devotion to the cause while delaying votes.

A Congresswomen's Welfare Lobby

WASHINGTON — Nearly half of the women in Congress have urged lawmakers drafting a final welfare bill to provide enough money for child care and require states to continue to shoulder a fair share of the responsibility for helping the poor. The 26 women legislators, in a letter to the members of the House and Senate conference committee on welfare, said that

they have a "particular interest" in the issue because roughly 90 percent of the families on welfare are headed by women. They asked the conferees to keep intact the school lunch program, nutrition aid for pregnant women and babies, foster care and adoption assistance.

The women went somewhat further than 18 Republican moderates in the House, who also asked the conferees to craft a bill that would attract bipartisan support. The House and Senate have passed differing bills to overhaul the nation's welfare programs by turning them over to the states to run and providing a lump sum payment

Democrats Budget for a TV Blitz

WASHINGTON — Looking for maximum leverage with the Republican Congress and an image edge for 1996, President Bill Clinton has put in motion a Democratic fund-raising drive that could allow the party to underwrite television commercials for broadcast in crucial states through the end of

The advertising campaign, which will be tied to the budget debate and paid for by the Democratic National Committee, began early this month with a 30-second commercial on

The ad promotes the president's plan to make \$124 billion in savings in Medicare while attacking the Republican plan to cut the growth in the program by \$270 billion.

Other scripts on such issues as education or environmental Other scripts on such issues as education or environmental spending are under consideration. Democrats say Mr. Clinton wants the party to be prepared to keep a variety of television advertisements running throughout the decisive weeks of the budget struggle, which is expected to come to a head in November and possibly last into next year.

The National Committee did not put a precise target on its money drive, but other Democratic fund-raisers said the party was seeking to raise \$10 million so that it could buy \$1 million worth of television a week over a 10-week period.

(NYT)

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Quote / Unquote

Robert S. Rifkind, national president of the American Jewish Committee, on Louis Farrakhan's call for a meeting with Jews to work out differences: "A man who still promotes racism, bigotry, anti-Semitism is not someone we're going to be keen to sit down and talk to. Mr. Farrakhan is not the only channel of communication between blacks and Jews." (AP)

Away From Politics

- An explosion and fire rocked a Pennzoil Co. refinery in western Pennsylvania, killing three people and injuring four, one critically. Black smoke from the burning tanks of naphtha solvent and fuel oil could be seen for miles.
- The launching of the space shuttle Columbia, already postponed six times, will be pushed back at least one more day, to Friday. High winds delayed the launching of an unmanied rocket and forced a rescheduling at Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- A Pennsylvania man who spent four years in prison for murder and tried to clear his name for 12 years won his fight when a judge ruled that prosecutors had lacked evidence to convict him of killing a 71-year-old man in a 1983 delicatessen
- A California man who beat a dog with a baseball bat after it mauled his 1-year-old son has been acquitted of an animal cruelty charge.
- A Brilon, Germany, woman drowned while snorkeling in waters off the Hawaiian island of Lansi. (AP) • Two midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy have been
- accused of LSD possession, and the entire student body -4,000 people --- was required to submit to urine tests after an investigation by college and navy officials "identified a small number of midshipmen who were potentially involved in illicit drug use," the academy said.
- A military missile crashed into a shed behind an Alabama home, forcing the evacuation of the area until a bomb squad could be summoned to remove the 18-inch (45-centimeter) weapon, authorities said. No injuries were reported. (AP)

Quebec Separatist's Blunder Leaves Campaign Reeling

By Charles Trueheart Washington Post Service

TORONTO - A week after taking the wheel of the faltering campaign to win the Oct. 30 Quebec referendum on secession from Canada, Lucien Bouchard, the separatist leader, has run it

At issue in the accident, for which Mr. Bou-chard apologized Monday night, was an inflam-matory weekend reference to Quebec's low fertil-

"Do you think it makes sense that we have so few children in Quebec?" asked Mr. Bouchard in a speech, "We're one of the white races that has the least children. That doesn't make sense. It means we haven't resolved our family

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien pounced on Mr.

Bouchard, the opposition leader in Commons. "In order to be a good Quebecker," said Mr.

be a separatist.

Daniel Johnson, who leads the pro-unity forces inside Quebec, orchestrated denunciations of Mr. Bouchard by prominent Quebec women.
"Mr. Bouchard, I have a little secret I want to

share with you," declared Margaret Delisle, a pro-unity Quebec legislator, at a rally. "The women of Quebec don't have babies for the state, they have babies for love."

The public pummeling represented a swift emeuppance for the popular Bloc Quebecois leader, damaging his chance to secure a majority of "yes" votes Oct. 30. Quebeckers will be asked to vote on sovereign status for the province of 7 million, tied to an offer of economic and political partnership with the rest of Canada.

The statement quickly deepened the tensions surrounding women's roles and French ethnicity in the restive province, whose residents will be voting a week from Monday on their future in the Canadian confederation.

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Beginning to the confederation of the canadian confederation. encouraging results were overwhelmed by news coverage of Mr. Bouchard's self-inflicted

Chrétien sarcastically, as Mr. Bouchard fumed across the aisle, "you have to be white rather gleeful, particularly coming as many Canadians

a few weeks ago.

In his apologies and explanations for the "in-appropriate" remarks, Mr. Bouchard this week defended his record of support for issues important to women and for minorities' equal place in Quebec's social and political firmament.

To counter the effects of the Bouchard remarks among women, spin doctors for the "yes" side were focusing on another recent clumsy sexist remark: A pro-unity Quebec senator Thursday ended an argument with Josée Legault, a young scholar and ardent sovereigntist, by calling her a "separatist cow."

The separatist cause can ill afford to alienate women voters. Polls show them to be significantly more resistant than men in Quebec to voting in favor of sovereign status.

Mr. Bouchard's gaffe recalled a pivotal inci-dent in the 1980 referendum campaign, when an earlier separatist provincial government put a question on secession to voters.

In 1980, a leading proponent of Quebec independence described the wife of a pro-unity leader as an "Yvette" - essentially, a housewife who couldn't think for herself. The remark generated a proud pro-federalist movement of women who

than colored, you certainly have to speak French rather than English, and you definitely have to speak separatists was no longer the sure thing it seemed given partial credit for the victory of the "no"

But the issue Mr. Bouchard raised resonates more deeply still with the Quebec public. As is often the case with gaffes, what Mr. Bouchard said was factually correct. Quebeckers collectively are not reproducing themselves. The fertility rate for all Quebeckers is 1.61, well below the 2.1

level that demographers agree is the minimum necessary rate for replicating a population. The low birth rate is a lingering after-effect of what is called the Quiet Revolution of the early 1960s, when the mostly French-speaking province threw off its old timidity and folkways, including its adherence to the Catholic Church.

One demographic result was that Quebec women, for whom a dozen or more offspring was not uncommon as late as the 1950s, stopped having so many babies. They bore 137,850 in 1960, but only 92,391 in 1993, according to the federal agency Statistics Canada.

The unspoken fear among some Frenchspeaking Quebeckers is that low birth rates, coupled with continued immigration into Quebec by non-Francophones, will mean the erosion of the French culture and language in North



BACK IN THE COURTROOM — Eric Menendez looking over his shoulder during testimony Tuesday at his trial in Los Angeles. He and his brother, Lyle, are being tried for the second time on charges that they killed their parents.

Court to Rule on Therapy's 'Privilege'

By Joan Biskupic Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — As police officers and others increasingly turn to psychotherapists to work out personal traumas, the Supreme Court has decided to use the case of a policewoman who sought counseling after she killed a suspect to decide whether conversations with a clinical social worker should be confidential and protected from use at trial.

"Much has changed with the mental health field in the past five years," an appeals court in Chicago said. "The need, and demand, for counseling services has skyrocketed during the past several years due to the rapid spread of violence and crime throughout our nation."

The high court said Monday that it would review the 7th U.S. Court of Appeals decision that conversations between psychotherapists and patients should be protected communications, similar to "privileged" conservations between an attorney and client or physician and patient.

The case could yield an important ruling on privileged conversations, those that can-not be disclosed at trial.

The case began in 1991 when a policewoman, Mary Lu Redmond, responded to a reported fight at an apartment complex in Hoffman Estates, a suburb of Chicago. There she supposedly

knife running after another licewoman. man. She shot the man with the knife, Ricky Allen Sr., 31, and killed him. Allen's brothers and sisters who witnessed the episode testified that Mr. Allen was not armed at the time.

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When the family discovered that the policewoman had been in counseling with a clinical soand turn over notes and records have recognized a psychothera-

saw a man with a butcher's of conversations with the po- pist-patient privilege in both The trial judge said that there

was no privilege between a so-cial worker and client, but neither the policewoman nor the social worker would reveal the substance of the counseling sessions. The therapist produced ally sued the policewoman, the notes, but only selected ones. Hoffman Estates Police De- As a result, the judge told the jurors they could presume that Hoffman Estates, alleging that the withheld notes would be the officer used deadly force in "unfavorable to" the police-"unfavorable to" the policewoman. A jury awarded the family \$545,000.

The 7th Circuit Court of Appeals threw out the verdict, But the court noted that while the cial worker, it wanted the social Cincinnati-based 6th Circuit worker to testify at the civil trial and New York-based 2d Circuit

civil and criminal cases, most of the other circuit courts have rejected it.

Federal rules of evidence say that the privileges against testi-fying should be interpreted by federal judges "in light of rea-son and experience."

The 7th Circuit, in the opinion by Judge John L. Coffey, observed that all of the states have recognized some need for a psychotherapist-patient privi-

"Reason tells us that psychotherapists and patients share a unique relationship, in which the patient's ability to communicate freely without the fear of public disclosure is the key to successful treatment," he con-

John Walker 3d Dies at 88, Shaped The National Gallery in Washington

NEW YORK — John Walk- by Raphael, Rembrandt and er 3d, who as chief curator and Titian that Mr. Mellon had purthen director of the National Gallery of Art in Washington

helped shape the museum into a world-class institution, died Sunday at his home in near Arundel, Sussex, England. He was 88 and had lived in

England since his retirement from the gallery in 1969. Arriving in Washington in 1939, Mr. Walker was more or less present at the founding of the National Gallery. It had been established by an act of Congress in 1937 at the urging of Andrew W. Mellon, the Pittsburgh steel magnate, and was

over the next four years. Mr. Walker oversaw the installation of the gallery's original collection, a group of 38 paintings from the collections of Samuel H. Kress and Mr.

built on the Washington Mall

Senate Vote Blocked On Cuba Sanctions Bill

WASHINGTON - Republican senators failed Tuesday to muster enough support to force a vote on a bill that would allow a toughening of sanctions on Cuba, a measure opposed by the White House and criticized in Latin America and Europe. In a 59-to-36 vote, supporters fell one vote short of the threefifths majority required to halt a Democratic filibuster that was blocking proceedings in the

Mellon, which included works California, which he served as chased from the Hermitage.

Walter C. Williams, 76, Early Aerospace Engineer NEW YORK (NYT) - Wal-

ter C. Williams, 76, a pioneering acrospace engineer whose 50-year career helped to propel the country into the jet age and the era of manned space exploration, died Oct. 7 at his home in Tarzana, California.

He suffered a brief illness, according to the Dryden Flight attack Research Center in Edwards, York.

its founding director.

Mr. Williams worked as a

project engineer on piston-driven fighter aircraft in World War II. He then moved on to the rocket-powered X-1 research craft and in the early 1960s oversaw the missions of Project Mercury, the first American manned space flights. He retired in 1982.

Bernard Safran, 71, an artist whose portraits of celebrities decorated Time Magazine covers for a decade, died of a heart attack on Saturday in New

15 Survivors Are Taken Off Flotsam Of Mexican Barge Hit by Hurricane

CIUDAD DEL CARMEN, Mexico — Rescue boats pulled 15 survivors out of the Gulf of the ravaged port of Ciudad del Mexico on Tuesday after a Carmen in southeast Mexico, barge sank in a hurricane, and

The hurricane, designated tropical storm with winds of 65 shift hospital. miles per hour (105 kilometers per hour). But it continued to torment tens of thousands of coastal residents by pushing the sea far above its normal level. Homes and belongings were de-

stroyed in the flooding. High seas and blustery winds complicated efforts to rescue the survivors of the barge which sank Sunday night with at least 244 aboard. The barge

was working for the Mexican oil monopoly Pemex.

Octavio Best, an official at said 15 survivors were picked officials raised the death toll in off floating wreckage by small boats early Tuesday and were being taken to another barge Roxanne, was downgraded to a that was converted to a make-

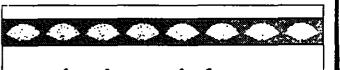
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Mexico's Ruling Party Loses Key Seat in South

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, party suffered a drop in support Mexico - The main opposition compared with previous elecparty has won the election for tions, but it remained stronger mayor in the capital of the than its rivals. Party leaders south Mexican state of Chiapas, said they had won 55 percent of dealing a fresh blow to the long-ruling institutional Revolutionary Party.

The race in Tuxtla Gutierrez was the most important of the 109 mayoral posts contested in Sunday's elections in Chiapas, where Zapatista rebels took up arms last year. Forty state legislators were also chosen. Official results gave the conThe party won in the large towns of San Cristobal de las Casas and Tapachula and was on course to win an overall majority in the 40-seat state legis-

Independent observers said the poll appeared to have been relatively clean, although some servative National Action Party a 2-to-1 victory over the ruling party in Tuxtla Gutiérrez. irregularities were spotted, such as polling booths opening late and poor organization.



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By John F. Burns New York Times Service

NEW DELHI - In a move that has underscored growing political tensions in Pakistan, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government has disclosed that it secretly arrested 40 army officers last month, one of them a two-star general, on suspicion that they were linked to Islamic fundamentalist groups.

Since confirming the arrests in a meeting with Pakistani newspaper editors Saturday, Miss Bhutto has imposed an official silence. But newspapers in Pakistan, citing government officials, have said the officers were rounded up in Islamabad, the Pakistan developments that have underlined growing political capital, on Sept. 26, and taken to a military prison in instability in Pakistan. Quetta for questioning.

officers are suspected of plotting to overthrow the Straints on Pakistan's newspapers, and otherwise acting in a fashion that has caused critics to suggest that lamabad said a more likely explanation was that the government, eager to enhance its ties with the United responding to pressures from Washington for a crackdown on Islamic terrorist groups that have used Pakistan as a base,

For years, there have been allegations that officers of the Inter-Services Intelligence agency have been involved in arming and training Islamic fundamentalist groups that have mounted terrorist attacks out-

most senior officer seized in the September roundup, at least 38 other officers. The arrests had been rumored

arrest, previously served in the intelligence agency.

Diplomats who suggested that Miss Bhutto's purpose in ordering the arrest had been to strengthen ties with the United States noted that in February she approved a joint operation in Islamabad by U.S. and Pakistani intelligence agents that captured Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, a prime suspect in the World Trade Center bombing in New York in February 1993 that killed six people and wounded more than 1,000. Mr.

Yousef is now awaiting trial in New York.

The arrest of the officers is the latest in a series of

In recent months, the Bhutto government has been Some newspaper reports in Pakistan have said the arresting opposition leaders and placing new con-Pakistan's fragile democracy could be at risk.

government, eager to enhance its ties with the United
In a new blow to the government Sunday, Nasir
States and promote possible U.S. arms deliveries, was
Hussain, the husband of Miss Bhutto's sister, Sanam, was arrested at Karachi airport on suspicion of involvement in the slaying that day of a dissident mem-ber of the governing Pakistan People's Party. Miss Bhutto's father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was

prime minister in the 1970s, was hanged in 1979 after being convicted by a military court of involvement in the killing of a leading People's Party dissident. According to published reports in Pakistan, those Some Pakistan newspaper reports have said the arrested last month included, besides Colonel Abbasi,

Major General Zahirul Islam Abbasi, who was the in Islamabad for some time, but Pakistani newspapers army's director-general of infantry at the time of his ran no reports about them until Miss Bhutto's remarks on the weekend.

Even then, the prime minister was elusive. 'Some individuals are under investigation, but it is premature to say anything," she said. "When the investigations are completed, details will be known, and the nation will be taken into confidence."

One newspaper, The Daily News, said Monday that the officers had been arrested on suspicion of "violating service discipline" and "hatching a conspiracy to overthrow the government by capturing the command of the Pakistan Army." The army has seized power on several occasions, ruling directly for 25 of the 48 years of Pakistan's existence.

But officials of the Bhutto government who discussed the issue guardedly on the telephone played down the reports of a coup plot, saying an attempt to topple the government would have required more than 40 officers, and more than one general.

But diplomats said Miss Bhutto was more likely to have been prompted by events in Washington, where a joint House-Senate conference will soon take up a measure passed by the Senate last month that would allow the first military sales in five years to Pakistan.

An amendment to the foreign aid appropriations bill, introduced by Senator Hank Brown, a Colorado Republican, would allow the United States in the coming year to deliver the \$368 million in military equipment that Pakistan bought in 1990, before passage an amendment that banned military and economic aid until Pakistan drops its nuclear arms program.

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6 More Afghan Officials Expelled by Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Pakistan on Tuesday ordered six more Afghan diplomats to leave the country within 48 hours, state radio said. It said 11 other Afghan nationals

had also been expelled. The move followed similar expulsions last month of 13 Afghan diplomats, including the chargé d'affaires in Islamabad. Relations between Islamabad and Kabul nosedived after the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul was ransacked Sept. 6 by Afghan protesters who assaulted the embassy staff, including the ambassador. One embassy employee was killed.

Afghanistan accuses Pakistan of backing the opposition Taleban Islamic movement, which is battling government forces outside Kabul for control of the capital. (Reuters)

Burma Improving

RANGOON — A United Nations rights investigator said Tuesday there has been some change for the better in people's lives, but certain freedoms are still restricted in Burma.

"I have observed certain good changes over the year," the investigator, Yozo Yokota, said.
"The general life of the people is improving." But restrictions remain in such areas as freedom of speech, expression, assembly and pub-

lication, he said. Mr. Yokota also praised the government for releasing the opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi from six years of house arrest on July 10. He met separately with her and with government leaders during his 10-day fact-finding mission, but declined to comment on their discussions before he submits his report to the UN Human Rights Commission.

Japan Awaits U.S. Reply

TOKYO - The United States has promised to make a formal reply to Japan on reported CIA spying during automobile trade talks earlier this year, Japan's chief government spokesman said Tuesday

"I heard that the U.S. government will chief cabinet secretary, Koken Nosaka, as telling a news conference.

The New York Times said Sunday that the Central Intelligence Agency eavesdropped on conversations among Japanese bureaucrats and car company executives and fed reports to the U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, been able to plan anything ahead." (Reuters)

in daily briefings during heated talks on automobile trade in Geneva.

Tokyo Targets Sects

TOKYO - Seven months after members of doomsday cult spread deadly nerve gas on Tokyo's subways, the Japanese cabinet on Tuesday approved a measure designed to crack down on bogus religious groups. But the bill appeared headed for trouble in Parliament, where its final approval could be blocked by lawmakers afraid that it may violate freedom

Under the proposed law, the education minister would be able to supervise religious groups operating in more than one state. Currently, such oversight is left to the individual prefectures where the organization operates.

The new bill also would require religious organizations to submit detailed reports on their assets and ranking members.

Landmark Timor Talks

DILI, East Timor - A senior adviser to President Suharto has held talks with East Timorese leaders in what residents said on Tuesday was the first such initiative in the

territory in years. Sudomo, head of the president's Supreme Advisory Council, left East Timor on Tuesday after calling on local community leaders not to inflame the situation through their comments. Participants said Mr. Sudomo talked for two hours with some 50 local officials about East Timor's political situation.

VOICES From Asia

Tomiichi Murayama, Japan's leader, on a dispute rift over U.S. bases in Okinawa: "The issue is worth staking the fate of my cabinet. If the issue can be solved with my work. I will devote myself to tackling it.

Fidel Ramos, president of the Philippines, on China's growing military strength and the role of the United States in Asia: "Any dilution of the American commitment to East Asian stability will severely undermine remake a formal answer after scrutinizing the report, so we will continue to have close contact," the Kyodo news agency quoted the chief cabinet contact and perhaps set off an arms race that could have incalculable, tragic consequences for all of us.'

> Sanjay Dutt, Indian film star, as be was released on bail after 14 months in a Bombay prison on terrorism charges: "I'm so excited at the thought of getting out of here that I haven't



- The government said Tuessible infiltrators. The military set up 850 road- to throw a grenade."

blocks along highways leading been part of a team.

The Defense Ministry took ournalists to the scene of the fight, the first armed confrontation of its kind since 1992. They in the early hours of Tuesday.

'I was on duty when I heard

IMJIN RIVER, South Korea Jae, who fired the fatal shot.

"Then I saw a vague figure day that its troops had shot and and he was lying low. As I killed a North Korean spy in a turned on my flashlight, the figfrogman's suit and that a hunt ure stood up and raised his left was under way for other pos- arm. I saw this as a dangerous sign and believed he was about Mr. Chung said that he and

to the border, the last flash point another soldier opened fire and of the Cold War era, because it that the man staggered into the believed the man may have Imjin River. The infiltrator, who was fished out, wore a black frogman's suit over a fake South Korean military uniform,

The man was shot on the bank of the river about three were shown the naked body of a kilometers (two miles) from the muscular man who appeared to Demilitarized Zone that has be in his early 20s, a bullet hole separated the North and the above his left eye. He was shot South since an armistice ended the 1950-53 Korean War.

Beside the body were two Mnoises coming from the bush- 16 rifles, two knapsacks and what appeared to be a survival kit, including several chocolate bars with Chinese writing on them, aspirin and penicillin.

Earlier, Major General nung hwa Lun said at a news - president, beij conference that other North Kousually worked in small teams.

"We think about two to three and China's president, Jiang Zemin, next week.

The two presidents will meet in New York or trate," General Chung said.

"If evidence points close to of Taiwan. North Korea, we will lodge a

China Sends Envoy Back to U.S.

Protest Over Taiwan Leader Ends After Four Months

BEUING - China's ambassador to the United States, Li Daoyu, will return to his post in Wash- leaders is necessary and useful," Mr. Chen ington this week, four months after Beijing with- said. drew him to protest a U.S. visit made by Taiwan's said luesday

reans may have slipped across
the border, since infiltrators
the border, since infiltrators
summit meeting between President Bill Clinton
and China's president, Jiang Zemin, next week.

Mr. Li's return is another step toward the

The two presidents will meet in New York on of them were trying to infil- Tuesday to try to improve ties, which plummeted na and the United States. to what Beijing has called their lowest level since Jim Coles, a spokesman for diplomatic ties were established in 1979. The the U.S.-led United Nations slide was provoked after a private visit to the Command, said by telephone: United States in June by President Lee Teng-hui

common interests and shoulder a major respon- tended to win approval for his appointment,

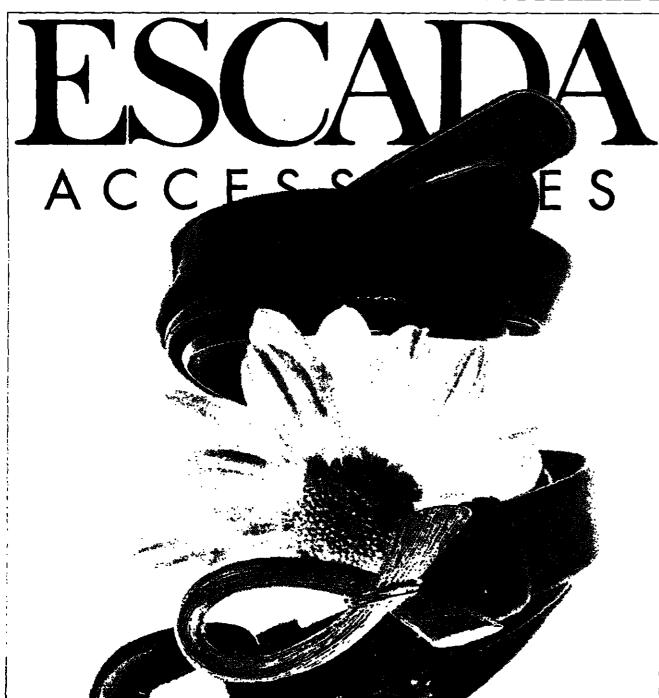
sibility for peace and development for the whole, world and therefore a meeting between the two

China, which regards Taiwan as a breakaway province, has demanded that Washington A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Chen Jian, said promise not to allow further visits by Mr. Lee.

gradual normalization of relations between Chi-

The U.S. Embassy in Beijing has had no ambassador since the summer, when J. Stapleton Roy returned home at the end of his term.

The Clinton nominee to succeed him, former Senator James Sasser of Tennessee, has been "The two countries have a wide range of involved in Senate hearings in Washington in-



PACIFIC PLACE-HONG-KONG

South Korean soldiers patrolling along the Imjin River on Tuesday after the shooting.

China Offers an Olive Branch to Taipei

on Tuesday to mend fences with rival Taiwan but demand- mier Lien Chan urged China on sibility of holding the summit in ed the Nationalist-ruled island Tuesday to remove barriers to a third country, saying it was an first abandon what it called sep- better relations and drop a

hinges on whether the Taiwan hold summit talks. authorities adhere to the basic

orate on the definition of "one Beijing has considered Tai-

wan a rebel province since the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949, when the Communists recent remarks: Since he ex- since 1949. defeated and drove the Nationalists to the island.

"The Taiwan authorities of 'two Chinas' or 'one China, one Taiwan,' "Mr. Chen said. Only in this way will relations President Jiang was quoted as

BELIING — China offered ing between leaders created."

In Taiwan, meanwhile, Prearatist activities.

"Whether relations between the two sides can improve offer by China's president to suggested that Mr. Lee be faith. His remarks followed an accorded equal status at any summit meeting and suggested

"Although Chinese commuprinciple of 'one China,' 'a nist leaders say they are willing major departure from China's Foreign Ministry spokesman, to talk, the primary task for Chen Jian, told a news briefing, pushing ahead relations across Mr. Chen declined to elab
Taiwan Strait is for the Chi"schemer" and "double-dealnese Communists to renounce their military threat," Mr. Lien was quoted in a cabinet state-

> pressed a willingness for talks," then he "should remove the barriers," Mr. Lien was

U.S. News & World Report, ly strained ties were easing.

Mr. Chen ruled out the posinternal Chinese affair. Taipei has insisted that Mr. Lee be using an international setting. Mr. Jiang's offer marked a

who should be tossed into the "dustbin of history."

The summit would be the ment as telling Parliament.

"Regarding Jiang Zemin's first encounter between the leaders of China and Taiwan

On Monday, Mr. Lee ordered his government to study Mr. Jiang's offer for a summit meetmust stop any speech or action quoted as saying. ing, which top Taiwan officials of 'two Chinas' or 'one China, In a weekend interview with said could be a sign that severe-

Mr. Lien, Taiwan's prime

atmosphere for a summit meeting between leaders created."

Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan was day, when he had described Mr. 'welcome' to visit Beijing. Jiang's offer as 'positive.' On Tuesday, he cast doubt on China's sincerity.

"Relations across the strait cannot be seen as children's games," Mr. Lien was quoted as saying. "They should be faced with a serious attitude because they have a close relationship with the future and welfare of 21 million compatriots."

Slowly improving relations between Beijing and Taipei deteriorated markedly last June when Mr. Lee visited the United States.

By "two Chinas" Beijing refers to foreign governments trying to recognize both Beijing and Taipei. "One China, one Taiwan 'denotes Taiwan abandoning reunification and declaring itself independent.

Most governments recognize Beijing. The Nationalists long to break out of diplomatic is lation and gain a seat in the between the two sides resume saying that he would be willing and improve and the necessary to visit Taipei and that President Tuesday than he was on Mon-Taiwan was ousted in 1971. United Nations, from which

Sri Lankan Troops Advance on Rebels

of troops backed by warplanes Tuesday, 12 people were killed Achchelu villages on the key and navy gunboats advanced on when rebel divers infiltrated the northern front, government of More than 35,000 in the little of the military from Jaffina. rebel positions in the north military's largest port, Trinco-Tuesday in what could be a malee, and blew up a navy supprelude to an assault on the ply ship. Tamil Tiger rebel stronghold of

At least 137 soldiers and Colombo. Tamil rebels have been killed in

News Agency that the advance air and naval support advanced was the first phase of an op-eration to take control of the Tuesday in an offensive code-Jaffna Peninsula from the main named "Sun Rays." separatist group, the Liberation Three armored personnel shelled the area. Tigers of Tamil Eelam, who are carriers were destroyed by rebel tighting for a homeland in the rocket and mortar fire, and 157 chief of the Liberation Tigers of

orth and the east since 1983. soldiers were wounded in the Tamil Eelam, has conducted in a separate rebel attack battle at Kuppilan and the 12-year campaign against Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
COLOMBO — Thousands
In a separate rebel attack

the fighting.

Top-level military sources told the state-owned National

ficials said.

In the eastern front, 29 soldiers and 16 rebels were killed The attack occurred 245 kilo-meters (150 miles) northeast of tried to clear guerrillas from the tried to clear guerrillas from the jungles in the Batticaloa dis-Silva, the army commander. Nineteen soldiers were killed trict, according to military of said last week that 'nothing is northern Jaffna Peninsula, as ficials and reports from rebel going to stop us' from taking radio broadcasts.

The military has declined to reveal the goal of the operation in the north, but the rebels said thousands of civilians fled their

Velupillai Prabhakaran, the inantly Sinhalese nation.

More than 35,000 troops

have been amassed on the peninsula since early this month, poised for an offensive on the rebel capital.

Jaffna city.

More than 36,000 people have been killed in the ethnic conflict since 1983, when Tamils began to fight for an villages after the military independent homeland in the north and east of this predom-

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KARLSRUHE Germany — Leading Christian Democrats, meeting Tuesday to debate their party's strategy into the next century, openly urged Chancellor Helmut Kohl to run

for re-election again in 1998.

Their calls, on the second day of the party's annual congress in Karlsrube, were made as the opposition Social Democrats plunged deeper into a debilitating power struggle.

Apart from his wide popular-

ity, congress delegates said, Mr. Kohl would be the best man to stand up in the 1998 election campaign to populists who might try to whip up opposition to the European Union's planned single currency.

Mr. Kohl, unchallenged in

office after 13 years, has refused to reveal his plans. But he hinted strongly in his opening speech Monday that he wanted to run again so that he could and monetary union, which is due in 1999.

VOICES :

"He should, and he will, and cent, enough to rule alone unmentioned as a possible successor, said when asked whether Mr. Kohl should seek a fifth

four-year term. Opinion polls indicate that Mr. Kohl could win a rare abso-Baden-Württemberg state pre-risky to run wit lute majority if a general elec-mier, Erwin Teufel, and the date," he said. tion were held now. They say Berlin mayor, Eberhard Diep-that his party would win 45 per-



help see in the EU economic Rudolph Scharping at the Social Democratic leaders' meeting in Bonn on Tuesday. He may face an internal challenge.

Social Democratic Party.

Among other Christian Democratic leaders publicly urging longest-serving leader.

Mr. Kohl to run were his housing minister, Klaus Toepfer, the in 1998 that it would be too

joined those supporting another four-year term for Europe's

risky to run with another candi-Oskar Lafontaine, the Social

Democratic politician who ran

"He should, and he will, and cent, enough to rule alone un-he will win," Defense Secretary der German law, compared for a small "loyal opposition" Kohl in the 1990, reignited a marshal any significant opposi-Volker Rühe, who has been with 32 percent for the ailing in the party's liberal wing, power struggle within the main tion to Mr. Kohl, seemed to opposition party Tuesday with have won a respite last week by a call for a reallocation of tasks securing the respected Franz within the divided leadership. Muntefering as party manager,

He said in Bonn that he also effectively a general secretary. wanted a bigger role for Gerhard Schröder, the main rival to Lafontaine made it appear that the party chairman, Rudolf Mr. Scharping now had to face

Scharping.
Mr. Scharping, under fire

But the comments from Mr. a challenge from another flank in the party. In Karlsruhe, the Christian Democratic parliamentary leader, Wolfgang Schauble, cautioned that Mr. Lafontaine might try to exploit Germans'

start only a few months after the 1998 election. 1990 against German unifica- judgment.

monetary union, which due to

Other delegates said that farabout an inflation-prone EU

U.K. Eases Stand on IRA Arms

Shift Is Seen as Effort to Break Stalemate

By James F. Clarity
New York Times Service

DUBLIN - In an apparently significant shift in British policy, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary. suggested for the first time Tuesday that the Irish Republican Army might not have to disarm before its representa-tives were permitted to take part in a new round of talks on a peace settlement in the British province.

For months the peace effort has been stalled by British insis-tence that the IRA's political wing. Sinn Fein, could not enter formal talks until the IRA had begun to disarm.

But on Tuesday, Sir Patrick reached agreement with the Irish government that the next steps in the peace effort would be the establishment of a disarmament panel and a proposal to start bilateral talks involving the two governments and all the parties in Northern Ireland, including Sinn Fein.

He seemed to be offering a compromise to the disarmament dispute by saying that the special panel might find a way for Sinn Fein and the IRA to give assurances that they were permanently committed to nonviolence. Such assurances, he indicated, could result in a place for Sinn Fein at the negotiating table.

He said that if the panel could find a way to establish the "necessary confidence" other than actual disarmament, "then we want to look at that very

Dick Spring, the Irish foreign minister, who met with Sir Patrick on Tuesday in Belfast, said the two governments were eager to get the peace process moving concern about giving up the Deutsche mark in the European

Mitchell McLaughlin, the chairman of Sinn Fein, responded cautiously to Sir Patrick's statement, saying that if it He predicted that Mr. Lafon-taine would whip up fears doning its disarmament-beforemeant that Britain was abanagainst the European currency, just like he whipped up fears in would "make a considered

Referring to the British disarmament demand, he added, "If right parties like the Republi- in fact we are stepping back cans could also fan voters' fears beyond that and people are reformulating the proposition, then Sinn Fein will look at the

detail of it and we will look at it two days of meetings in London positively.

Mr. McLaughlin noted that Sir Patrick had not mentioned one of Sinn Fein's principal de-mands: that a firm date be set for the start of all-party talks, involving both Sinn Fein and the Protestant parties who op-pose the IRA's ultimate goal of a united Ireland free of British control.

The statements came after

between President Bill Clinton's national security adviser. W. Anthony Lake, and senior British and Unionist officials. Mr. Lake and Nancy Soderberg, the National Security Council specialist on Ireland. were in London to try to move the stalled peace effort in ad-vance of President Clinton's visit to London, Belfast and

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Sahlin Pulls Out of Swedish Contest

STOCKHOLM — Deupty Prime Minister Mona Sahlin said Tuesday she was no longer a candidate to succeed Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson, but would not rule out re-entering the leadership contest at a later date.

"I want to make it clear that I'm no longer a candidate today," she said on Swedish television. "I want to give both myself and the party what I think we all need now chance to go through everything from the beginning."

Mrs. Sahlin, who is at the center of an uproar over misuse of

her official credit card to pay for small items for her children, said she had told Mr. Carlsson of her decision on Tuesday. "Now I'm like any other party member," she said. "If the party comes back to me in a few weeks or a few months, then I don't know what I'll say," Mrs. Sahlin said. (Reuers)

Ciller Asked to Form New Cabinet

ANKARA - President Suleyman Demirel asked Prime Minister Tansu Ciller on Tuesday to form a new government, Mrs. Ciller's press secretary said.

Mrs. Ciller, who lost a weekend vote of confidence in her minority administration, is very likely to form a coalition with her former Social Democrat partners as a stop-gap government Italy Seizes Colonel for Corruption until early general elections are held.

She also ordered 73,100 strikers back to work Tuesday at the state-run railroads, dockyards and sugar factories after a monthlong work stoppage.

Strikes for higher wages by 277,000 workers in state-owned hotels, mines and elsewhere continued. (Reuters, AP) (Reuters, AP)

Austria Schedules General Election

VIENNA — Austria's government scheduled a general election for Dec. 17 as it grappled Tuesday with a fresh wave of suspected neo-Nazi letter bombings and sought to calm jittery

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky and his ministers set the date for the election at their last cabinet session before the vote. As the police hunted suspected neo-Nazis behind 22 months of unsolved attacks, Mr. Vranitzky urged campaigning politicians not to play on public anxieties.

Yeltsin Orders Grachev to Hearing

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin has told Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev, who refused to attend a court case he initiated, to cancel a foreign trip and attend the next hearing, the Interfax news agency said Tuesday.

General Grachev last month refused to attend a court hearing in a libel suit against a journalist on the grounds that there were too many reporters expected in the courtroom. He

had brought the case against the journalist. General Grachev brushed aside an outcry in the media and charges of contempt of court, saying he would not attend another scheduled hearing on Oct. 25.

Mr. Yeltsin's move seemed aimed at defusing growing ten-sion centering on General Grachev, his longtime loyal support-

U.S. Backs New Initiative on Ulster

LONDON - W. Anthony Lake, President Bill Clinton's national security adviser, gave backing Tuesday to the latest British and Irish effort to move the Northern Ireland peace

Speaking here after a meeting with Foreign Secretary Mal-colm Rifkind, Mr. Lake said: "We welcome the proposal for a twin-track approach on this."

The twin-track approach foresees a panel discussing the future of the weapons and explosives held by Northern Irish guerrilla groups while the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein,

holds initial talks with the two governments.

This could help to break a political deadlock that is delaying talks on the constitutional future of the British province because of British and loyalist demands that the Irish Republican Army first give up their weapons.

MILAN - The corruption scandals that have touched all walks of political and business life in Italy reached high into

the military Tuesday with the arrest of an army colonel. Colonel Francesco Simone of Milan was arrested on suspicion of taking a bribe of 60 million lire (\$40,000) from a company that had been awarded a contract to supply shoes to



European union events scheduled for Wednesday:

BRUSSELS: European Commission weekly meeting with decisions due on on the merger of the rail transport activities of Asea Brown Boveri and Daimler Benz (via AEG). Other issues to be examined include European gas supply, cooperation in international research, the OECD accord on naval construction, and harmonizing social welfare programs.

BRUSSELS: Foreign Trade Association conference on multilateral exchanges and regional group formation, textile accords, European trade policy with regard to China, Vietnam, Eastern Europe and Turkey.

ANTWERP: Transport Commissioner Neil Kinnock, Industry Commissioner Martin Bangemann and the commissioner for competition policy, Karel Van Miert, attend a maritime forum.

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be borbasier said "A house is a machine for living in , and Emirates clearly thinks that much the same applies to an aircraft . Flop in your country available (92), velox in front of the T.V. (6-channel Revenue ELEVATION personal video), enjoy a couple of drinks/Vonte Clicant 14 de ... drinks (Vanc Cliegest, Chatcan St Antin, small port), make the odd entl (with the on-board satellite phone). PLAN VIEW Venc Cliegart champage So to I feel at home? Not exactly. At Theme I am unlikely to be effered canapés, a choice of there first dishes and four tempting main compact, and a basket of exotic fruit by a smiling beauty in evipp ved and even uniform, no matter how good a med Gilly

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In Madrid For Business

THE MOORS BUILT A FORtress in the 900s on the site of what is now Madrid. Spanish Christians gained control of the area in 1083, and it became the capital of Spain in 1561. Madrid was one of the great cities of Western Europe in the 1500s and 1600s, but later declined and failed to join the Industrial Revolution of the 1800s. After the Spanish Civil War of the 1930s, Madrid was held in the grip of Generalissimo Francisco Franco, who ruled as dictator

mentary monarchy. Today, Madrid is a city in a hurry. It's in a hurry because, as many business executives explain, they and the government want to make up for time lost during the torpor of the 36 Franco years. Europe in those days ended at the Pyrenees, or so the saying went.

until his death in 1975. The

nation then became a parlia-

Much has been achieved by the government of Prime Minister Felipe González, a pragmatic socialist who bolstered rather than battered business, embraced market economics with discreet enthusiasm and reduced the once-powerful Communist Party to a rump of its former self in elections and opinion

Madrid is the Spanish melting pot, a blend of native Madrileños and migrants from the four corners of the country, not to mention foreigners who have made the city their home and its culture cosmopolitan. In few European cities is the way of life changing as fast. Take the Spanish day - and night. Time was, not so long ago, that business executives were seldom in their offices before 10 in the morning, left at one o'clock or so for lunch, took a two- or threehour siesta, and returned - if they did - at four or five in the afternoon. Anyone who dined before 10:00 p.m. was either a foreigner or an ec-

There's considerable life in the afternoon now. Spain has hitched its wagon to the European star - and changed its schedule to European time. In many ways, Spain has changed more in the past decade than during the previous few hundred years.

♀ In a Word

Castilian Spanish is the language of Madrid and most of the rest of Spain. The most noticeable difference between Castilian Spanish and Latin American Spanish is that Castilian pronunciation replaces the "s" sound with a soft "th." as in the word "thank." To American cars, Castilian Spanish can sound a hit lispy, so don't laugh if someone tells you he's from "Barthelona." About a third of Spain's

people also speak one of the minority languages; Catalan, Gallego or Basque. These languages are more regionally centered, but you may hear them in Madrid upon occasion. Nobody expects a visiting foreigner to speak one of the minority languages, but it does help to learn some Castilian Spanish phrases before arriving in Spain. The Spanish seem able to adjust their ears to distortions of Castilian, perhaps because there are so many spoken versions of it.

(a) At a Glance

Madrid and its suburbs sprawl over the Castilian plain, but business Madrid is compact, concentrated in the center, with many government ministries housed in tower blocks to the north. Madrid boasts one of the tallest office buildings in Europe, the 46-story Torre Picasso, the new symbol of business, yet it still has a charming mixture of ancient and modern architecture, and social dynamism and counti-

Getting Around

Madrid has good bus and subway systems. The sub-way, or Metro, is clean and fast. Each line has its own color, which makes the system easy to understand. Most business visitors will find taxis easier (although not necessarily faster) if they are not familiar with the city's layout. Taxis now cost as much as in the rest of Europe. Drivers expect a tip. and few speak English, but they understand even a mangled version of Spanish street names. Taxis are white with a diagonal red line. They display a green light when they are free, and behind the rear window is a meter that, by law, must show when the driver is on or off duty.

Wining & Dining

Madrid businesspeople spend a lot of time in restaurants - and so they should, given that Spanish cuisine



ranks with the best. The most fashionable restaurants (though not necessarily the best) are crowded. Reserve a week ahead for some, at least a day ahead for all. Lunch and dinner tend still to be late: 1:30 p.m. at the earliest for lunch, 9:30 p.m. for dinner. Forget breakfast; the "power breakfast" hasn't yet

caught on in Spain. Choose Spanish wines if you are the host. They are ranked with the world's finest. Among them: Marques de Murietta, Marques de Riscal, and the white Monopol. And you cannot go far wrong if you order any red wine from the Rioja region. Meals are to be savored, not hurried; count on

two hours at least. Restaurant checks include a service charge; add 5 percent if you are happy.

Botin, Cuchilleros 17. Tel.: 366-4217. Near the Plaza Mayor. Old Madrid decor in this typical bodega specializing in roast pork and lamb.

Cabo Mayor, Juan Ramon Jiménez 37. Tel.: 350-8776. A well-planned menu featuring dishes from the Cantabria region. Merluza and pintada are specialties. Highly recommended. Open until midnight; closed Sun-

Carmencita, Libertad 16. Tel.: 531-6612. A famous and typical Madrilenian restaurant serving classical dishes. Closed on Sundays. Club 31. Alcala 58. Tel.: 531-0092. One of the best;

with fresh, seasonal products a specialty. Closed in Au-

Spanish and French cuisine

El Olivo, General Gallegos I /Esquina Juan Ramon Jiménez 37. Tel.: 359-1535. A restaurant dedicated to olive oil - 70 varieties. Try the quartet of salt cod or monkfish with black olive sauce. Some 100 sherries. Closed Sundays.

Jockey, Amador de los Ríos 6. Tel.: 319-2435. One of the best. Superb service and decor. Try the shellfish. A fashionable hangout. Open until midnight. Closed weekends, holidays and Au-

Julian de Tolosa, Calle Cava Baja 18. Tel.: 365-8210. A new restaurant that has a clientele of politicians. artists and journalists. Basque dishes include bacon, blood sausage and cab-

bage. La Basilica, Calle de la Bolsa 12. Tel.: 521-8623. The food is good, but people go as much for the unusual surroundings - the restaurant is located in a converted chapel.

La Dorada, Orense 64. Tel.: 570-2002. High-quality seafood, salted and dried fish, and stews. Andalusian specialties. Open until midnight; closed Sundays. Posada de la Villa, Cava

Baja 9. Tel.: 366-1880. In the old quarter and decorated in Castilian style. Lamb is the specialty. Closed Sunday evening and August.

Principe de Viana, Manuel de Fallà 5/Dr. Fleming 7. Tel.: 457-1549. Situated near the football stadium and congress center, this elegant restaurant serves grilled pig trotters and delicious fresh cod. Closed Saturday lunchtime, Sundays, Holy Week, and August.

Sacha, Juan Hurtado de Mendoza 11. Tel.: 345-5952. Excellent Catalan cuisine, which means plenty of tasty fish and piquant stews. Solicitous service. Closed Sundays and holidays.

Taberna del Alabardero. Calle Felipe V 6. Tel.: 547-2577. A typical tavern near the Opera noted for superb seafood.

Viridiana, Juan de Mena 14. Tel.: 523-4478. Experimentation reigns in this controversial restaurant. Recommended: sweet sea bass. Closed Sundays.

Zalacain, Alvarez de Baena 4. Tel.: 561-4840. Probably the best restaurant in Spain. A wide variety of dishes ranges from lasagna with foie gras to excellent steaks. Situated in the ministerial area at the top end of the Paseo de la Castellana. Very expensive. Closed Saturday lunchtime, Sundays, Holy Week, and August.

Calling Around

Once an international laughingstock, the Spanish telecommunications system is now improving. The privatized telecom company. Telefónica, has given priority to big cities and to international calls, so don't be surprised if it is easier to call Cleveland than it is to reach a number in a small Spanish

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Farrakhan Dons Mantle of Healer

His Speech Was Harsh, Yet Conciliatory to Some

By Terry M. Neal Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation steps of the U.S. Capitol and one of the largest rallies ever assembled there to proclaim his legitimacy as a messenger of God and a healer of America.

rakhan wove a complex message in a two-hour speech.

As promised, he preached extensively on the need for atomement and redemption, drawing on broad cross-denominational themes of the Bible and the Koran. But he also spent a good amount of time talking passionately about how the vestiges of white supremacy continue to tear apart the United States.

He had harsh words for ancient and modern white political leaders, from Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln to Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole.

Here's the carcass, the remains of a once-mighty people, dry bones in the valley, a people slain from the foundation of the world," Mr. Farrakhan told the crowd

But God hath sent the winds to blow on the bones. One of those winds is named Gingrich, and the companion wind is named Dole. But we've had enough now. This is why you're in Washington today."

He returned again and again to President Bill Clinton's oblique but unmistakable criticism of him earlier in the day, when Mr. Clinton said, "One million men do not make right did not officially endorse this one man's message of malice

To Mr. Clinton, Mr. Farrakhan said: "Sir," he said, anyway." "with all due respect, that was a And you praised the marchers, and they are worthy of praise. You honored the marchers, and they are worthy of honor. But, of course, you spoke ill, indirectly, of me as a purveyor of malice and hatred."

Mr. Farrakhan took over and rebuilt the Nation of Islam in the mid-1970s a year after the death of the organization's founder Elijah Muhammad. On ing ourselves to be better than Monday, he spoke to a live and Malcolm X, ever did.

not, all Americans had to re- inferior any more.""

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FROM The Citadel to the Los Angeles Police Depart-

ment, John Wayne's name is

still invoked to describe a cer-

tain attitude toward right and

wrong, male and female, Amer-

ica and the world. It's been 16

years since he died of stomach

the slightly skeptical, somehow

naked eyes gazing forth from

conservative atmosphere in the United States that Wayne

would surface as a subject for

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leader of major moral force. He said that he understood that he was an imperfect human, but that like other great people in of Islam, used a pulpit on the history, that fact should not did not detract from his message.

"You can't separate Newton from the law that Newton discovered, nor can you separate Einstein from the theory of rel-Given a unique moment to ativity. It would be silly to try to speak to all America, Mr. Far-separate Moses from the Torah or Jesus from the Gospel or Mohammad from the Koran."

The call to the march came by God, through him, Mr. Farrakhan said.

"You came not at the call of Louis Farrakhan. But you have gathered here at the call of God. For it is only the call of Almighty God, no matter through whom that call came, that could generate this kind of

outpouring."
"We are not here to tear down America," he declared at one point. And he extended an called him a virulent anti-Semite, and to black organizations, such as the NAACP and Urban League, which refused to endorse the march.

He called on Jews to sit down with him and other black leaders "with no preconditions."

"You've got pain, but we've got pain too," Mr. Farrakhan said, his voice low and pensive.
"You hurt, but we've got hurt, too. Ending the pain might be good for both of us and ultimately good for the nation."

Of black organizations that did not endorse the march, he said: "I know that the NAACP march. Neither did the Urban League. But so what? So what? Many of the members are here

great speech you made today. of the Christian right, Mr. Farrakhan said blacks must avoid immoral music and other entertainment, foul language and

And he told blacks that their energy was wiser spent doing something positive rather than 'bashing' whites.

'If we start dotting the black community with businesses, opening up factories, challengare, white folk, instead of

litically potent symbols pro-

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olive branch to Jews, who have Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, addressing and exhorting hundreds of thousands of marchers on the Mall in Washington.

A Dispute Over the Numbers

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON noon, the Reverend Benjamin Chavis announced that I million black men had gathered on the mall. By the time Louis Farrakhan spoke to the crowd in late afternoon, he said there were a million and a half to two million.

But the U.S. Park Service, which handles demonstrations and gatherings on the Mall, of-ficially estimated the crowd at 400,000 people.

Such drastic differences in estimates are common. Organizers routinely report larger numbers than the official estimates.

Organizers usually just estimate how many people are pre-sent, while Park Service officials take aerial photographs, then overlay the photos with a grid that helps them calculate the number of square feet occupied by the crowd. It calculates the crowd density in those areas to come up with its estimate.

But Mr. Chavis said march organizers had hired an architectural firm to develop a grid

Rally and Its Response Sharpen the Divisions of Race

By David Maraniss and Thomas B. Edsall Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The number, in the end, seemed beside the point. Who was to say that aerial maps and engineering grids were more valid than the old man who rode the bus all night from Cleveland and counted noses from his sunbaked perch on the steps of the National Gallery?

It is part of the tradition of Adopting a tone reminiscent ple look at the same crowd and

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see vastly different things. That is even more true of race relations in America.

Combine those two tendenthe "Million Man March" on Monday.

televised audience larger than driving by using the 'N' word, the most obvious of which Muhammad or the nation's othMuhammad Oh, my God. They're marvelous. They're wonderful. We
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a day of atonement and reccall but because of their own
diverse longings.

Rabbi Menitoff said those
goals — "in terms of the comer former and famous member, Oh, my God. They're mar- a day of atonement and rec- answer to the fiery minister's even while praising the stated He stressed that, like him or can't — we can't say they're Farrakhan of the Nation of Is- diverse longings.

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Washington, Jefferson and Lin- proceedings. coln, the three giant figures of American history memorialized along the same Mall from

which Mr. Farrakhan spoke. From there Mr. Farrakban went on for more than two hours, charging at one point that white supremacy was at the root of America's suffering and had union, stopping only occasion-produced "a sick society and a ally to listen to the speeches until sick world."

It was Mr. Farrakhan's contentious history that led many to mass demonstrations that peo- denounce the Million Man March and wish that it would not succeed or in any way be com-pared to the landmark March on Washington graced by the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.'s idealistic speech 32 years ago.

Yet another notable contradiction Monday was the apparcies and the result is trying to ent gulf between Mr. Farquantify the unquantifiable, rakhan's rhetoric and the mood which is the essential riddle of of the gathering in the hours of the gathering in the hours leading up to his address.

Mr. Farrakhan's followers tioning the president. Here was a brilliantly clear and separatists seemed vastly day clouded by contradictions, outnumbered by middle-aged

began with a sharp attack on ous if not frivolous air to the held at a critical early point in

camcorders draped around their a time when race relations had groups of six and eight. Com- national debate. fortably clad in tennis shoes, sweatshirts and baseball caps, many of them roamed the streets as if they were at a college rethe end, when the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson and then Mr. rhetorical search for common

Farrakhan took the stage. Viewed from a cultural and sociological perspective, there tion, the cycle of drug use, crime inevitability, to the Million Man March that had little to do with Mr. Farrakhan. Just as the 1963 march was

necks and posed for pictures in returned to the forefront of the Monday. The O. J. Simpson trial and verdict, the accounts of police among the men gathered on the brutality in Los Angeles and

Philadelphia, the dramatic surge in popularity of Colin L. Powell as a possible presidential candidate, President Bill Clinton's ground, the congressional debate over welfare and immigrawas a certain momentum, if not and violence in the inner cities — all of these factors seem to have combined in the public

consciousness in recent months

to form a critical mass.

Men came with cameras and ment, the rally Monday came at rection, which is part of the larg-

The Simpson trial was a constant source of discussion Mall and was broached occasionally by speakers, who questioned why white America responded so bitterly to Mr. Simpson's acquittal.

A popular T- shirt at the event read: "Fuhrman lied, Darden cried, Cochran talked and O. J.

At the same time that the black men were gathering in Washington, Mr. Powell, the most popular black man in

that era's civil rights move- rately, leads in a different di- copies of his autobiography at a bookstore in Manhattan.

The line to get his autograph stretched in a giant rectangle along a long city block. Many people in the crowd, black and white, were wearing "Powell for President" buttons.

Earlier in the day, during a television interview. Mr. Powell had placed Mr. Farrakhan's form of racism in the same category as that of the former Los Angeles police detective Mark Fuhrman, the notorious witness of the Simpson trial.
"We've come too far in this

country," he said. "We can't go back into the swamp of racism, whether it comes from Minister America today - among Farrakhan or Mark Fuhrman.

ent gulf between Mr. Far- MARCH: Inspiration, Presidential Politics and Anger Faces in Crowd:

Continued from Page 1 Mr. Farrakhan without men-

Several leaders of Jewish

munity taking responsibility for its future and empowering that community — are to be applauded." But he and others ex-

search for conciliation. Robert Rifkind, president of the American Jewish Committee, said on the "Today" show on NBC: "A man who still proas well, and it is a delicious motes racism, bigotry, anti-

The rally Monday was the fourth-largest demonstration in major impact.

Washington history and its Mr. Farrakhan, he said, has Washington history, and its ered his "I have a dream"

University, a predominantly merely rhetorical. black institution in Washingpressed grave doubts about Mr. ton, said the Million Man Farrakhan's sincerity when he March will have more than a called on Jews to sit down with fleeting impact on black politihim and other black leaders, cal unity and clout. "with no preconditions," in a

speech.

He said the range of black leaders who attended the rally was wider than anything seen since the early 1970s, ranging from traditional, mainstream separatists. If the bonds forged among these leaders last beyoud the end of the rally, Mr.

largest predominantly black embraced many issues that are gathering. In 1963, 250,000 peofar from controversial: a call for Martin Luther King Jr. deliv- ipation, and for the development of economically vibrant black communities.

He said Mr. Farrakhan's of-Alvin Thornton, a professor fer of mediation with Jewish of political science at Howard leaders was significant, not

"I think he's saying to himself. Tve got to see some conclusion to something, and staying on the periphery isn't going to do it."

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The rally Monday was the Thornton said, it could have a Upscale Profile

WASHINGTON - The ington to march were younger. wealthier and better-educated than black Americans as a whole, according to a Washington Post poll of participants.

They also were far more willing to see the Nation of Islam leader, Louis Farrakhan, assame a more prominent leader-

ship role in the African American community. The survey of 1,047 march participants found that threefourths came from outside the Washington region -and nearly half came with sons, fathers or another close family member. More than half said they

came primarily to show support for the black family or to support black men taking more responsibility for their families and communities. One in four came to show black unity.

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movie star and cultural phe- will still be consulted on the nomenon, one of the most po- facts of the actor's life and career. Despite their manifest political bent, the authors have duced by Hollywood, has long been diligent and have addressed the small questions and phers join right in. Roberts and the big ones, most notably why America's ideal soldier never saw service in World War II.

versities, respectively, and they Wayne later claimed that a football injury had kept him out, but the authors track down start their prodigiously re-searched life of Wayne — the best yet to appear — by setting up a straw man called "the culthe probable truth through records and correspondence. tural elite," a mythical entity Wayne spent nearly 10 years

that is conveniently monolithic in the B-Western trade, until cancer, but he still stares out of pages in this week's magazines, whatever slight their subject Ford film "Stagecoach" in 1939. To enlist in 1942 meant to The cultural elite is a handy risk all his new-found fame and growing wealth, and besides, as excuse in their book for many of the setbacks Wayne expea father in his 30s, he was entitled to a deferment. Many in rienced as his career wound Hollywood waived deferments, No matter how dated this but the poor kid whose dad had tried to dirt-farm the Mojave Desert did not take the chance. Others risked all and some returned to public indifference. Some were supplanted by Wayne himself, who took his deferments until service became a moot point, a fact he was

ashamed of for the rest of his Roberts and Olson suggest that Wayne's subsequent anti-Communist fervor was his way of making sure he joined the battle this time. As for the took such an active role, the society was fracturing into authors write that he "was a something altogether different provocative, outspoken but Or was it? Perhaps, as the authe political fray in 1949 when aberration. The phenomenon of that fray was impossible to ig- John Wayne will remain a culnore." They point out that tural touchstone in sorting it Wayne was often more genout.

ple, was wrecking careers.

But he did try to quash leftist politics in film and worked to get his own rightward ideas onto the screen. During the Vietnam War he concocted "The Green Berets," which proved very profitable propaganda. He was outspoken off screen

minor irony of his career that at Semitism is not someone we're least once he had to pay for it as going to be keen to sit down and he had made others do. In the talk to." 1960s, the authors recount. Wayne was offered the role of narrator for the television show "The FBI Story." J. Edgar Hoover, after a background check, refused to approve him. Wayne's erstwhile membership in the John Birch Society was the reason, even though he had given up on the organi-zation after it denounced flu-

oridation of water supplies as a Communist plot. In later years Wayne seemed a superannuated symbol of ancient American values, but 'those who hope to understand America must understand John Wayne's appeal," the authors write, and they are correct.
It was Ford who understood

the conflicts within Wayne, that tension between a man's duty to his community and his ultimate loneliness as a keeper of patriarchal law. For 25 years, John Wayne stayed in the box office Top 10 by acting out that conblacklisting in which Wayne flict, while in the world beyond non-ideological conservative thors insist, the changes Wayne who only reluctantly entered fought against were a brief

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would be allowed to live there, the region's

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And while U.S. officials have publicly

called on Croatia to seek a political solu-

tion to the conflict, they have also failed to

impose punitive measures following Cro-

atia's ruthless recapture this summer of the

Croatian Serb region known as Krajina

and the expulsion of more than 120,000

The U.S. ambassador to Croatia, Peter

Galbraith, who has led a negotiating effort

to try to resolve the dispute in eastern

Slavonia peacefully, has been stymied in

recent days by what officials close to the

Mr. Galbraith is warning the Croatian

Serbs that they are "running out of time,"

according to a diplomat who was at the

meeting on Monday. Late Monday night,

Mr. Galbraith said a Croatian assault

talks call Croatia's "intransigence."

would disrupt the peace process."

with little faith in such promises.

By Chris Hedges New York Times Service

ZAGREB, Croatia - Croatia has moved thousands of troops over the past few days in what Western diplomats and UN officials say may be the prelude to a military campaign to seize the last slice of Croatian territory remaining in Serbian

A move to retake the region, known as eastern Slavonia, these officials say, would risk drawing the formidable army of Serbia into a new spiral of Balkan conflict and add tens of thousands of people to the masses of refugees in the region.

Diplomats say a new Croatian offensive would be a major setback to the peace talks that have led to a fitful cease-fire in neighboring Bosnia and produced the rough outline of a settlement in the Balkans.

"It is clear that this is coming to a head," said a senior Western diplomat. "It will either be resolved peacefully in the next six weeks or militarily.

Eastern Slavonia, a wedge of Croatia prized for its rich farmland and oil prospects, was taken by the Serbs in 1991 in vicious fighting, driving many longtime Croatian residents from their homes, and has become an emotional symbol for

The fate of the territory has remained a major obstacle in regional peace talks orchestrated by the United States.

President Franjo Tudjinan of Croatia said at a conference of his ruling party on Saturday that the retaking of eastern Sla-

Serbs in eastern Slavonia remain with all their rights," he said. But increasingly the debate among diplomats and UN officials in Zagreb centers

on the Croatian timetable, not on Croatian UN officials said Monday that about

vonia was "a top priority either by peace-2,500 Croatian troops previously based on the Adriatic coast were believed to have moved toward the Slavonia region. They ful or other means. While the United States has urged the Croatian Serbs to give up control of the included the Tiger brigade, an elite unit that spearheaded the Croatian drive into land in exchange for promises that Serbs

the Serbian-held Krajina region in August. These officials said sections of a mechanized tank unit, with some 30 tanks and other armor, were now within about 20 kilometers of eastern Slavonia.

The Serbian leadership in eastern Slavonia has called for a general mobilization, closed the schools and advised the region's 140.000 inhabitants to expect an attack.

The Croatian authorities, apparently preparing residents in the area along the frontier between Croatia and Slavonia for artillery attacks, have fortified all buildings with sand bags, coment blocks and bricks, officials said.

Western officials said the Croatians may postpone an attack until after the parliamentary elections, scheduled for the end of this month, and perhaps until the expected departure of UN forces in November. But few officials in the Croatian capital doubt that the troops will soon go in.

UN officials and Western diplomats said that Mr. Tudjman appeared intent on creating a state where Serbs constitute a politically insignificant minority. "We are very engaged in a diplomatic process whose goal is to bring about a settlement within Croatia in which the

These officials said that the Croatian Serbs who left the Krajina region had not been allowed to return, that Serbian villages and homes in Krajina continue to be burned and that more than 120 of the 3,500 elderly and infirm Serbian civilians who remained behind have reportedly been killed in the last two months.



Clutching her bloodied hand to her injured chest, a Palestinian woman enters an auto en route to a hospital in Ramallah after being hurt Tuesday by an Israeli concussion grenade.

Paris Urged Toward EU Unity

By Alan Friedman International Flerald Tribune

PARIS — Jacques Delors, the former European Commission president, warned against isolationism on Tuesday and urged France to show greater commitment to European integration.

In an address to a conference here organized by the International Herald Tribune and the French Institute for International Relations, Mr. Delors stressed that clear leadership was needed in France in order to give more direction to build-

ing a united Europe.
"Europe is a political choice.

We need more mutual comprehension and more cooperation," he said during his first speech in France since leaving the European Commission last

January. Later Tuesday, in an interriew, Mr. Delors emphasized that President Jacques Chirac "makes a mistake if he thinks Europe can be just a free trade area." The risk of failing to seek closer European ties, said Mr. Delors, is that Germany would

be pushed into a deeper relationship with the United States. "Germany needs an answer from France," he said, "Germa-

Union or a special relationship with the United States."

Speaking at the same confer-ence, Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette reasserted France's determination to reach a single carrency in conjunction with Germany by 1999 under terms of the Maastricht treaty on European Union.

As evidence of French commitment, he said that the government had now accepted German-sought linkage between stronger machinery for political cooperation among EU member states and Germany really has the choice between ny's relinquishing of control two solutions, the European over the Deutsche mark.

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End to Terror?

HAMAS:

democratic contest for power in Palestinian history. The vote could come as early as Jan. 22. "Hamas is coming to Arafat from a position of absolute vul-nerability," said Iyad Sarraj, a psychiatrist and political independent who heads a commission in Gaza on citizens rights. "People are starting to think for

the first time that this peace

treaty is really serious. We are moving toward the West Bank. Hamas was living on the despair of the people and I think they understand that they are on the fringe." Mr. Arafat has demanded that Hamas call a cease-fire against Israel as his condition

for a deal under which Hamas prisoners would be released, he would relax his grip on the mosques and Hamas would be permitted to hold seats in the new legislature and cabinet.

Under the deal, Hamas would maintain its right to oppose peace with Israel by lawful political means.

But any renunciation of violence, and any participation in a self-rule authority that owes its very existence to the deal with Israel, would mark a watershed change for Hamas - an end to the uncompromising stance that was its principal appeal.

On Monday, in a sign of continued progress, Mr. Arafat released Sheikh Ahmed Bahar from prison, the second prominent Hamas leader to be released in as many weeks.

There are reasons to doubt that a pact with Mr. Arafat would halt the violence. Hamas leaders in Damascus and Amman have taken a markedly more skeptical tone than the organization's leadership here,

Soberly, Contact Group Speeds Efforts

MOSCOW - The five-nation Contact Group on the former Yugoslavia said Tuesday that it was accelerating peace efforts, but added that the road to success was littered with obstacles. Russia's role in carrying out a settlement remained unde-

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"We are all aware of the many and difficult problems we have to settle before peace can be restored," a Russian first deputy foreign minister, Igor Ivanov, said at a joint news conference after a Contact

Group meeting in Moscow.
"We intend to continue our work," he

Th Nairobi Police Quell Riot

The Associated Press NAIROBI - Paramilitary police moved into a slum here to quell two days of ethnic rioting that left at least one per-

son dead and scores of others injured. Youths from the Luo and Nubian communities battled during clashes that began Sunday in the Kibera slum. Homes and stores were burned. The fighting reportedly was triggered by the discovery Sunday had disappeared.

said. "Today we raised more questions than we were able to resolve."

The group - made up of Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States -- failed to resolve differences over Moscow's role in an international peace force being put together by the NATO military alliance.

"These issues are very difficult," said the U.S. negotiator, Richard C. Holbrooke. They are not yet fully resolved. They are without precedent.'

Moscow has ruled out the participation of its troops under the sole command of NATO. But Washington has rejected a Russian proposal for joint or rotating command between Moscow and NATO. A Western diplomat said it would be a

not found for Russia in a NATO-centered Russia is most concerned about political control, commander control and use of

setback for the peace process if a role was

force." he said. Mr. Ivanov, who led the Contact Group meeting, said the Moscow talks were a prelude to an international conference on

the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. "Our assumption is that the final outcome of the international conference will be the signing of a document that will proval first.

provide a solid foundation for the peace process in the Balkans," he said.

U.S. Military Lists Risks

The top U.S. defense and military officials told Congress on Tuesday that sending 20,000 U.S. troops to enforce peace in Bosnia would entail risks that were incalculable. The Associated Press reported from Washington.

But Defense Secretary William J. Perry said that the NATO force with a sizable U.S. contingent "will be the biggest, tough-

est and meanest dog in town."

And General John M. Shalikashvili, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. told the Senate Armed Services Committee that 2,000 to 3,000 reserves would very likely be called up as part of the U.S. force of 20,000. He added that he hoped the American contingent could be "downsized" before the year during which they will be deployed runs out.

Most of the senators remained critical. Only two, John Glenn of Ohio and Charles Robb of Virginia, both Democrats, explicitly supported President Bill Clinton's peacekeeping strategy, and Mr. Robb joined with a half dozen others in urging

SILOS:

ed to rise.

Plowing Under

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men silos and launching centers

required a 1,000-mile access

network of smoothly graded

gravel roads, maintained with air force money. With the de-

struction of the missile system

eral electric cooperatives -

electricity rates here are expect-

Ranchers will be able to buy

back at fair market value the

one-acre to one-and-a-half-acre

missile sites they sold to the government during the admin-istration of President John F.

Kennedy. The air force also plans to abandon a 1,500-mile network of buried cables.

Hoping to soften the eco-

nomic blow caused by the de-

parture of the 1,700-member 44th Missile Wing, politicians

Rushmore is a two-hour drive

shaped by nuclear movies rang-

preserved missile silo site and

an underground launching cen-ter. To that end, the National

state 90, the highway that links

the Badiands National Park

At the launching center,

code-named Delta One, a Gar-

field cartoon still hangs over the

mess hall's food window and a

Mr. Coffee machine still stands

on a formica table in the

lounge. But 31 feet below this

1960s suburban style house

and Mount Rushmore.

ed, real history begins.

from the missile sites.

- the largest customer for sev-

the past few weeks, for instance, some sury Department officials would also not Bank Ltd. from unauthorized trading in Japanese institutional investors have New York. grown so concerned that they are looking

for ways to take out insurance to protect themselves from a plunge in the value of the bank stocks they hold. (Page 19.)

Representative Jim Leach, Republican of Iowa, chairman of the House Banking Committee, said Monday night that he had recently been briefed by the Fed on the arrangement, which he praised as a prudent precaution. He said that it was virtually risk-free, unlike the American-led bai-lout of Mexico, because the Federal Reserve Board would be accepting Treasury bonds and Treasury bills in exchange for the cash.

The deal would also allow Japanese financial authorities or big banks to raise immense amounts of cash without poten-tial disruption of financial markets and soaring interest rates that might accompa-ny any Japanese move to dump huge numbers of Treasury securities.

But the Japanese newspaper Asahi Shimbun reported last Thursday that the Japanese government might borrow money from the Fed using Treasury securities as collateral. Japan's central bank denied the report Monday as wrong, but did not

The Japanese banking industry has suffered a spate of bad news lately, ranging from the failure of five financial institutions in the last year — two last month — to disappointing creditworthiness ratings

by Moody's Investors Service to the disclosure of a colossal \$1.1 billion loss at Daiwa

FED: Report of Bailout Offer Underscores U.S. Fears for Japanese Banks

Over the last few months, officials at the Fed and the U.S. Treasury Department have tried to work behind the scenes with their Japanese counterparts to stabilize the situation, while minimizing their worries in their public comments out of a fear of driving money away from Tokyo.

Even so, foreign banks, concerned about Japan's banking crisis, are trimming credit lines to Japanese financial institutions squeeze.

"There appear to be many banks that are facing great difficulty in raising foreign funds," Izumi Tagawa, a spokesman for Chuo Trust & Banking Co., said Monday. Mr. Tagawa then quickly said that his own bank, which is turning a profit mostly from stock sales, was not experiencing financing

problems overseas. Some Japanese financial institutions have recently been forced to turn for help to the country's biggest banks. In some cases they have had to take their yen deposits and convert them into U.S. dollars to meet financial obligations overseas, Japanese and foreign bankers and analysts

said in interviews in Japan. Mr. Leach, one of the Fed's closest allies on Capitol Hill, hinted at the arrangement during his opening remarks at a hearing he called Monday on the Japanese banking industry, which is struggling to cope with at least \$400 billion in bad loans.

Fed officials refused to comment. Trea-

It was not clear Monday whether Japanese authorities would have to sell Treasurv bonds and bills to the Fed with no hope of recovering them.

The alternative would be for the Fed to lend cash to the Japanese central bank while holding the Treasury securities as

Mr. Leach said that no legislation would be needed to carry out the Federal Reserve's arrangement and that he did not expect any serious criticism of the plan in Congress.

"It's an understanding with Japanese banks and authorities — it is not anything beyond the power of the Fed," he said. "It is patently reasonable; I don't think there

would be any objection." ■ More Hearings Possible

system."

Mr. Leach said U.S. legislators could set up a small committee to hold more hearings on how mismanagement led to unreported losses at Daiwa Bank's New York branch, Bloomberg Business News report-

ed from Tokyo. Mr. Leach made the comments to Japan's NHK television Monday following expert testimony in Congress about Ja-

pan's banking system. He also urged Japan to start providing more information on the financial state of

troubled banks to depositors. Of all industrialized nations, he told NHK, "Japan has the least transparent

BARINGS: Singapore Inspectors Say Bank Could Have Avoided Collapse

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tion of about 115 million Singapore dollars by Mr. Leeson and tried to divert investigations into the matter by external audi-

have started promoting a patri-otic tour package: Mount Rushmore in the morning and short Both Mr. Norris, who visited Singapore shortly before the collapse, and Mr. Bax missile sites in the afternoon. denied any such involvement but the inspectors said that they were unable to accept the denials Singapore's Finance Ministry said Tues-For today's generation,

day that the Commercial Affairs Department had been instructed to study the ing from "Dr. Strangelove" to "The Day After," a Cold War museum would offer a tour of a findings of the inspectors. The department, which combats white collar crime, is already undertaking its own

investigations into Baring Futures, including any possible criminal acts by persons in Singapore. The ministry said that the department would decide, in consultation with Singa-

Park Service is preparing to ask Congress to create a Minuteman Missile National Historic pore's attorney-general, whether there were grounds to prosecute any such per-sons. The department will hold a press conference on Wednesday where it is ex-With 99 of the 150 silos already demolished, the air force has spared one silo and one pected to announce any further steps it launching center to be part of plans to take. the proposed museum. Both sites are situated close to Inter-

The two inspectors — Michael Lim Choo San and Nicky Tan Ng Kuang, both partners of Price Waterhouse accountants - were asked by the Singapore government to investigate the circumstances leading to the collapse of Barings.

The Finance Ministry said that they had reviewed several thousand pages of primary documents and conducted numerous interviews in England, Singapore, Japan and Hong Kong with Barings senior man-agement and others who could provide information about the group.

In their 183-page report, the inspectors said that the "vast sums of money" remitted to Baring Futures at Mr. Leeson's request should have attracted close scrutiny by the Baring group's Asset and Liabil-ity Committee in London.

Members of the committee included Mr. Norris, George Maclean, head of banking, Geoffrey Barnett, chief operating officer, Ian Hopkins, director of treasury and risk, Ron Baker, head of financial products, Geoffrey Broadhurst, finance director, and Anthony Hawes, treasurer.

Instead, the report said that "the preoccupation of these meetings was to arrange adequate funding lines to meet Mr. Leeson's large requirements, rather than to investigate the causes underlying these requirements."

It said that when the committee finally decided to ask Mr. Leeson to reduce his positions trading mainly on behalf of the bank, the decision was "never effectively

The report noted that by the end of

1994, Mr. Leeson was thought to be one of the major contributors to Barings profits.

The report also said that the Bank of England failed to take action to prevent Barings trading exposure in Asia for the quarter ending Dec. 31 from exceeding 75 percent of the group's capital funds, when the applicable limit was 25 percent.

The British government has released its own report on the collapse of Barings. which was ultimately rescued by Dutch financial group Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV. But the British lacked access to some documents and information the Community of the tion the Singaporean side had.

Singapore's Finance ministry said that by placing Mr. Leeson, 28, in charge of both trading and settlement operations, Barings had breached a fundamental principle of proper internal control that responsibility for these functions should be

It said that this lapse was compounded by Mr. Leeson's "total lack of trading experience prior to his posting to Singapore" in April 1992

The Singapore report did not criticize the role of Simex in the Barings affair, but noted that it was "tempting to suggest with the benefit of hindsight that Simex placed undue reliance on the Barmes name and the assurances given in that name."

COURT: European Body Strikes Down German Hiring Quota for Women

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where missile crews were billeton sexual and racial equality, which encourages training and Inside, a visitor can sit in the other measures to overcome launch commander's chair, in- discrimination but rejects quospecting the key-and-code sys- tas.

tem designed to prevent the accidental triggering of a in Germany, where coinciden-Minuteman missile armed with tally the Christian Democratic a bomb 100 times the destruc- Union of Chancellor Helmut on Hiroshima in 1945. Kohl was debating a motion at its annual conference in Karls-

and parliamentary delegations. Claudia Nolte, the German

minister for family and women's affairs, cautioned that the legislation that requires government agencies and state-owned entities to draw up plans to encourage women employment.

ruhe to require at least 30 per-cent women in all party bodies

The court ruled on the case of cent women in all party bodies

Eckhard Kalanke, a parks emequal rights for men and womlaw states that in cases where a ruling only applied to quotas male and female candidate are and would not affect federal equally qualified and fewer

ployee in Bremen who was en allows governments to viopassed over for a promotion in late the principle of equal treatfavor of a woman. The Bremen ment in order to remove "existing inequalities that affect male and female candidate are women's opportunities." But the European Court said Brethan half the workers in that job men's law exceeded the direccategory are female, then the tive's leeway by mandating a result, namely 50-50 job parity



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Alan Bates, at left, as Solness in a scene from "The Master Builder"; Rufus Sewell as the suspect Irish bomber Roche in "Rat in the Skull."

'Rat in Skull': Tense Look at 2 Faces of Ireland

By Sheridan Morley

ONDON - To open a season of of York's, one might have expected a play with a particular debt to that theater, or one centrally associated with the history of it. In fact, Ron Hutchinworked just about anywhere and perhaps best of all on television. It's a taut, tense four-character power play set in a London police station at the height of the Irish bombings a decade ago. It seems at first deliberately perverse of the director Stephen Daldry to have ripped out the stalls of the theater and put up a set (designed by William Dudley) reminiscent of the sound stage of a Spencer Tracey prison movie from the 1930s.

And sure enough, for the early scenes, that set is the star. But gradually Rufus Sewell, as the suspect bomber Roche, and Tony Doyle, as the specialist interrogator from the Royal Ulster Costabulary, come together as the two faces of Ireland, locked into a ritual and tribal war of territory and attrition going back not just decades but centuries.

in a single James

Hutchinson's genius here has been to write a police thriller and a history of the Irish troubles that plays less than two hours. "We are about to land in Belfast, please set your watches back 300 years" as the play's best joke neatly has it.

was once an intimate confrontation into an epic event sometimes backfires, as our attention starts to wander to the gantries do any "Master Builder" on ice or under Royal Court Classics at the Duke and flashing lights that surround the set. But such is the dangerous power of Sewell miliarity of the text, there has to be some and Doyle, joined at the hip by Ireland's psychic death-wish as the two British policemen watch them with a characteristic son's "Rat in the Skull" would have mix of weary cynicism, that the focus always returns to the center of this nationbaring bearpit.

At the Theatre Royal Haymarket, Peter Hall's revival of "The Master Builder" is a curious disappointment. True, it gives us a powerful star turn from the newcomer Victoria Hamilton as the destructive, charismatic Hilde Wangel, but in the title role Alan Bates seems somehow absent, as though like his director he had decided that this might be a good play to do but then in rehearsal couldn't for the life of him remember why.

It has never been the easiest of the Ibsens, and anyone taking it on now still has to contend with the 1960s shadows of first Redgrave and then Olivier. But the heavyhanded symbolism of a man climbing up his own tower as a gesture of sexual solidarity is not much helped when that tower addresses as the National, revivals from has been set on a revolving stage that this period generally depend on the whims sonal sappears to have been left over from the of a currently hot director or player, and are played.

Daldry's determination to make what central thesis in a production of competence but not a lot else. water or with songs; but given the fa-

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sort of balance between the idea of Solness as a kind of successful Peer Gynt, a man whose dreams have all come true but who is now in terror of waking up to old age, and the notion that he has simply set himself up for easy destruction at the hands of any halfway nubile sex-child who drifts in with

It is the women who dominate: Not just Hamilton but Gemma Jones in equally stunning form as the neglected wife, seeking in her dolls the replacement for her dead children. Hall finds with them moments of great poignancy. Bates has yet to take the full measure of Solness or to find a way of making us care about his fall.

Anyone who cares about the British theater of the 1930s owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Sam Walters at the Orange Tree in Richmond. At such better endowed climax of an all-star Palladium pantomime then usually subjected to that director's just after the war. Something has gone very wrong here, and it is I think the lack of a say to a "modern audience."

Walters does things mercifully differently. He discovers plays that work for an entire and often largely unknown cast, and then directs them as they would have been done at the time, without the ghastly, trendy overload of a '90s perspective.

First he gave us, long before the BBC or the National, the rebirth of Rodney Ack-land. Now, in "The Maitlands," he gives us Ackland's no less important or intriguing contemporary Ronald Mackenzie, who was killed in a car crash just before his 30th birthday in 1933. This dramatist had only two titles: this one and "Musical Chairs, both of which originally considerably fur-thered the career of John Gielgud.

Like Ackland, Mackenzie was an English Chekhov. In "The Maitlands" he deliberately sets out the drunken professor, the bungled suicide, the lovelom old man, the hopeless youth, and the yearning young woman and the old housekeeper, but translates them to an English seaside village. This hugely influential script, neglected for 60 years, is the bridge from Chekhov to Rattigan. It's about people unable to live apart or together, destroying each other out of love and loneliness in a country run by 'men with the souls of cuttlefish;" in short, a masterpiece of national and personal self-hatred, brilliantly staged and

Songwriter's 40 Years As 'Heart' of Vietnam

By Jon Lidén

O CHI MINH CITY - If Ho Chi Minh symbolizes Viet-nam's soul, with the determithat made it win wars against China, France and the United States, Trinh Cong Son is its heart.

Some of Trinh Cong Son's songs were banned in both North and South Vietnam during the war, because they were said to

destroy the will to fight.

But ironically, Trinh Cong Son succeeded in unifying the country in a way ceeded in unifying the country in a way

North and South against each other in the
war and politics never were able to. His

1960s and early 1970s. Trinh's tales of songs are sung and loved in the North as well as in the South. Even among the millions of exiled Vietnamese. Trinh is embraced as the lyricist who best puts their longing and their memories into

"Stop any Vietnamese on the street anywhere in the world, and he or she will be able to recite lines from some of Son's songs," said Ngo Van Tao, a friend and poet who has worked with him. Thin and frail, sitting with his guitar in front of huge audiences on South Vietnam's university campuses in the 1960s, Trinh Cong Son was nicknamed Vietnam's Bob Dylan. Like Dylan, he told his fans to mistrust leaders, and like Dylan, he has published more than 500 songs and is still writing and singing.

These days, one can most often find him at Tib, the restaurant in Ho Chi Minh City he owns with her sister who returned from exile in Canada to do business in the "new" Vietnam, where business is more important than ideology. Not only are recordings of his songs always played on the restaurant's music system, Trinh Cong Son himself often brings a guitar and sings his songs to the audience of well-to-do Vietnamese, overseas Vietnamese who are back for a visit and foreign businessmen.

Although his new songs are popular. in the minds of most Vietnamese, he represents the 1960s, as Bob Dylan does for most baby boomers.

'My first boyfriend played this song so beautifully," said a Vietnamese woman editor in Hanoi, breaking off a conversation to listen to a Trinh Cong Son tune on the car stereo.

'He was 16. Then he was drafted to the army and sent down the Ho Chi Minh Trail. He died on the way.

Born into an affluent family in 1939 in Hue in central Vietnam, Trinh Cong Son received a combination of a traditional

French education and a Buddhist Vietnamese one, both dominated by studies of literature and art.

All through his youth, the Vietnamese War for independence from the French was raging. It made him a staunch, nation and steely will power though romantic nationalist, but he also quickly learned to hate war. An accident in 1958, which nearly left him paralyzed, made him drop out of his philosophy studies in Saigon and focus on his poetry

and songs. The melancholy and poetic songs were instantly embraced by Vietnamese on both sides of the war that pitched the unrequited love, longing and nationalism were a much needed antidote to the harsh

realities of the war. In an interview, he mused over his 40 years as a chronicler of the Vietnamese's private feelings. "There is so much sadness in Vietnam," he said. "It always has been and it didn't end with the war. It is a country of suffering and the suffering

colors the people."
"Trinh Cong Son has been able to give meaning to the suffering all Vietnamese have gone through. He has put words on the apocalyptic experience the war and its aftermath were for all Vietnamese," said his friend, Ngo Van Tao. Trinh's songs point out the futility of

them dangerous to the warring regimes in the North and the South. In the past few years, bowever, the government has embraced Trinh Cong Son, including him in a book of rev-

war and their pacifist message made

olutionary artists during the war.

This, and the fact that he stayed in Vietnam while most of the well-known South Vietnamese singers and songwriters, as well as most members of his family, fled the country, have led to accusations from some exiled Viet-

namese that he is a Communist. Asked about this, Trinh replied that he has never been interested in politics. He said, however, that while he often goes to Canada and the United States to visit family and friends, he rarely performs there, often feeling some hostility from anti-Communist exiled Vietnamese.

Why stay in Vietnam? "Vietnam is the only place where I can live and create music," he said.
"Abroad, I don't hear the music in my head, I don't hear the poems I write down. I like being abroad, but if I stay away too long, I dry up and die. The warmth of the people in Vietnam is like the water a flower needs to live.'

Lagerfeld: Simple, but With Spark

By Suzy Menkes ational Herald Tribun

ARIS — The modernist perspective of Karl Lagerfeld put his collection on the right lines. It also showed how to keep things simple — without removing all the spark and the sparkle from the Paris run-

Lagerfeld gave a lesson in fashion geometry. With a square and compass, he created

PARIS FASHION

contrasts of linear structure and soft roundness. That was emphasized by the steel girder and arch at the back of the runway and by the metal mesh that the models were like wiry stoles around supple satin dresses.

The effect was modern, but not brutal, for the clothes took the body shape as their starting point. Silver shoes and thin chains lit up steel gray outfits, and tailoring also came in pale-blue and flesh-pink colors.

The focus of the collection was on cut, with Lagerfeld's ever-inventive jackets bisected with seams or hanging straight and square, with no fastening except for a narrow belt that caught one panel to the body. Zippers closed other jackets or the slim and sober dresses. The only gimmicks were wire mesh wigs or eyeglasses with hor-

The bulbous skirts that went with the geometric jackets to emphasize the hard-soft message looked forced - except when the same shape grew from the fitted bodice of a black satin dress. Some other ideas were tricky - like shirts unfolding into trains. But Lagerfeld's technical skill mostly produces streamlined and simple.

Emanuel Ungaro also tried fashion geometry, making dresses with brief skirts and hip belts drawing the A-line. He said that they were drawn from a froufrou went back to the "innocence and purity of his ear-

ly collections. influence of the minimalist fashion and styling shown on

avant-garde runways. Ungaro's show got off to a bright start with its Op Art which are a hot item of the



Lagerfeld's draped black dress with wire-mesh stole.

and skinny jeans. Out came the complex clothes that look models four-by four in pinstriped suits; four checked jackets; four 1960s shifts in pearlized leather, four crepe dresses with knee-length hemlines.

The basic presentation seemed more suited to a provinhis archives. And that the plain cial department store than a presentation without a bijoux or Paris runway. And although there were pretty satin dresses, the evening section from a master of color came out in pallid But such uncharacteristic shades. Tunics and side-split plainess seemed more like the long skirts were shown with flat sandals, nil accessories, run-acomb-through hairstyles and

nothing-much makeup. Even the caftan-style tunics,

black-and-white pantsuits, fol-season, seemed to lose their exlowed by black leather jackets otic edge. Only the finale of on decoration - proving that superbly cut columns of blue satin were simplicity at its most be reduced to next to nothing. Vivienne Westwood had

> know how coquettish they quoted from Rochefoucauld in French. But her collection loked like she had given up on sly, sparky. English sexiness for French lessons in couture craftsman-

ship -- where she was still on a

found the phrase to sum up her

collection: "Women don't

learning curve. Out had gone bustles, bows, poke bonnets and push-up corsets. Even the signature platform shoes had been reduced to reasonable footwear.

For her Anglo-French marriage à la mode, Westwood showed toile de Jouy, shaped into curving jackets vs. club checks as the English version. Some of the blouse and bias-

skirt outfits were fresh and charming and her shirtwaister dresses appealing. But granny knits with frilled edges were one of many items apparently plundered from history -- but without the spice and wit more familiar from Westwood.

Issey Miyake projected his imagination on to the long, lean ilhouette of his lively collection. Keep shapes simple, but use inventive fabrics is the

Miyake credo. The designer played, as ever, with modern synthetic materials to enliven long coats or tutransparent striped plastic or with hologram and quicksilver effects. Prints were like military camouflage — but in vivid colors. Or they were the same splashy painted flowers that decorated the runway.

And in a season when designers are proving that less is not always more, Miyake stretched his imagination to hats quivering like tendrils of jellyfish and holograms scintiliating from sandal straps.

Lanvin's fashion statement was minimalist indeed — a collection of curvy jackets and skirts or simple dresses, mostly in black and white, with a dash of orange or lime. This was a bow-out collection for designer Dominique Morlotti, who will continue to design menswear for Lanvin. The merry mixes of pattern,

print and texture shown in Christian Lacroix's secondary Bazar line, were a modern take 1990s fashion does not have to



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Arms Aid to Turkey?

Turkey lags behind only Israel and Egypt in receipt of U.S. military aid. Washington has approved \$7.8 billion in military sales to Turkey in the last decade, and has provided grants or loans to cover most of it. This year, unless dramatic events take place in the current House-Senate conference, Turkey will get \$320 million in U.S. credits to finish production, in Turkey, of F-16 fighter planes. America has traditionally used such aid to maintain its friendship with a strategically crucial ally, but the aid is now being used to prolong a war that both destabilizes Turkey and betrays American values.

The State Department has acknowledged that Turkey is using the F-16s and other American weapons to strafe Turkish villages in its war against a Kurdish guerrilla group, killing thousands of civilians and leaving millions homeless. Washington should end the sale of weapons used in the war, and condition further military aid and sales on Turkish respect for human rights.

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One-fifth of Turks are Kurdish, a minority so repressed that its members are forbidden to speak Kurdish in many public settings. In 1984 the Marxist Kurdish Workers Party, or PKK, began a brutal civil war, killing many civilian officials and Kurdish opponents. The government responded with an even more brutal campaign to bomb and burn Kurdish villages. It has prosecuted even peaceful Kurdish politicians, writers and human rights workers whose only crime was describing the human rights violations. An American reporter for Reuters, Aliza Marcus, may be sentenced to three years in jail for her reporting from Kurdish areas. The PKK is weak, but the government has made little progress toward winning the war. Polls show that Turks overwhelmingly favor a in Turkey's repressive internal war. political settlement.

Turkey's human rights record has caused several European countries to cut off military relationships (although Germany just resumed aid) and has so far denied Turkey coveted membership in the European Union. But the White House has allowed Turkish troops to pursue the PKK into Kurdish areas of Iraq that America protects against Saddam Hussein. The in-

cursions have killed many civilian Kurds. Since the Turks' war against the PKK escalated in 1992, U.S. military aid has escalated as well. Washington now provides 85 percent of Turkey's arms imports and 90 percent of its military aid. Despite the efforts of Senator Patrick Leaby and Representative John Edward Porter to curtail aid, Congress has not yet managed to block or place conditions on substantial amounts of Turkish military aid.

Turkey has escaped a cutback because of its strategic importance. America depends on military bases in Turkey, and wants Turkey to spread its moderate brand of Islam to Central Asia and its pro-Western views in the Balkans and the Middle East. The Turkish government and the Clinton administration argue that any cuts in arms transfers would weaken and radicalize Turkey. But the war itself poses a greater threat to Turkey's stability and prosperity. The Islamic party, a relatively moderate one, gained support after a ban on Kurdish parties left it as the

only non-mainstream alternative. Any further aid should carry human rights conditions that would promote a political solution to a war that has undermined democracy, boosted the power of the military, drained the economy and divided Turkey from its European allies. Placing such conditions on assistance would also reduce America's complicity

—THE NEW YORK TIMES. After the Big March

Hopeful Aspects, Too

The Million Man March produced a huge crowd hungry for great oratory. But instead of something like the crystalline 19 minutes of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, this crowd got a rambling, self-obsessed two hours from Louis Farrakhan. By the time the Nation of Islam leader got through such arcane matters as numerology and Masonic lore, his adjurations against violence in black neighborhoods seemed almost perfunctory. He seemed more interested in continuing his personal negotiations with the press and the Jewish community over his past racist statements than in answering the expectations that drew such a large and earnest crowd to the Mall. As his speech wore on, it was clear that the potential of the event and the opportunity to lead with a dramatic personal atonement had both escaped him.

Even so, Monday had its hopeful aspects. Many Americans feared, given Mr. Farrakhan's record, that the march would degenerate into an overtly inflammatory event, worsening racial tensions that surfaced after the acquittal of O. J. Simpson. The fear was legitimate, given Mr. Farrakhan's past inflammatory remarks about Jews, Catholics, Asians, gay people and others, and his bitterly contested insistence that the marchers be men only.

Earlier in the day, Bill Clinton spoke for many Americans by making a wise

Where Are Leaders?

The number of African-American men who came to the capital on Monday from all parts of the nation was as impressive as the organizational effort and the basic message and themes that brought them out. In a speech in Texas, President Bill Clinton said that for the marchers the gathering was "about pride and dignity and respect ... about black men taking renewed responsibility for themselves. their families and their communities ... about saying "no" to crime and drugs and violence ... about standing up for atonement and reconciliation." This message, as positive and frank as it was about the need for black men to shoulder their responsibilities, also was a somber and, in a way, a harsh verdict on where we are as a nation. There should not have been a need for a day like this.

That a special day devoted to spiritual renewal, acceptance of responsibility to self, family and community was brought about through a call from the Nation of Islam leader, Minister Louis Farrakhan, and not from what is customarily regarded as the country's civil rights, religious or even political leadership, is as telling about the state of that leadership as it is an indication of the divisions and estrangement within the society. For, as the president said, "one million men do

and conciliatory point in a speech in Texas. President Clinton said he honored the men who had streamed into Washington to commit themselves to taking personal responsibility for their families and their communities, but he added that "one million men do not make right one

man's message of malice and division." Indeed, the marchers proved to be of greater heart than the long-winded speaker who wanted all credit for their presence. Bitterness was not the order of the day, but rather a sober assessment of the continued damage that racism is doing to American society. The march was dominated by a spirit of goodwill, as stranger embraced stranger in the bright autumn sunshine.

The spirit was also one of renewal, as the speakers preceding Mr. Farrakhan including such seasoned civil rights warriors as Joseph Lowery and Jesse Jackson - urged the men to pull together collectively, to nurture strong families, strengthen the institutions of the black community and protect troubled black youth from the scourge of drugs and crime. With an estimated 400,000 participants, this was the largest gathering of its kind since King delivered one of the great speeches of the century.

The day produced no such speech, but there is a chance that it can inspire blacks and whites with more embracing philosophies than Mr. Farrakhan's to keep on marching toward the dream.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES

not make right one man's message of malice and division." And despite the spirit of camaraderie and reconciliation evidenced on the Mall, Mr. Farrakhan did not demonstrate through his words that he is anyone to heal the racial divide so clearly apparent in recent weeks. In fact, it is one that he has and continues to contribute mightily to. So far as the religious divide is concerned, it is one that he has been especially vicious in creating and promoting. To talk, as he did, of unconditional negotiations with the leaders of Jewish groups is ludicrous. This is Mr. Farrakhan's fight, not theirs; the abuse directed toward another group has

been directed by him, not them.

Repeatedly, Mr. Farrakhan exulted that he was the leader of the gathered assemblage, that he had been validated personally by the event, that you could not realize the legitimate goals that were set forth throughout the day and at the same time not accept his leadership. We don't think so. The good purposes that animated many people who participated on Monday long predate Mr. Farrakhan's espousal of them. It is a great misfortune that the impulse to sustain and fulfill them has had to await this demonstration of how great the hunger for their realization is, a hunger to which other leaders, black and white, have not paid nearly sufficient attention. -THE WASHINGTON POST.



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Big Problem, No Solvers, Enter Louis Farrakhan

NEW YORK — So it was left to Louis Farrakhan to act. It is hard to say why without speaking realistically of the state of American politics, which has less and

less to do with anything of consequence. Surely somebody of stature, Democrat or Republican, ought to have felt obliged to act long ago. It is hardly a secret that one of the country's most dangerous problems is the increasingly desperate situation of its young black male citizens.

The portrait of a nation in trouble is etched in the statistics on black unemployment rates, black school dropouts. rising imprisonment of young blacks and killings of black youngsters by black youngsters. When a large portion of a nation's youth is being thrown away, or hustled into prisons, or lowered into graves, it takes a remarkable capacity for ndifference to say that, well, it's a pity, but it's not our problem, it's a problem for the black community, black churches,

black neighborhood leaders. It is hard to see how a multiracial nation can avoid damage if its leaders refuse to deal with its gravest problems on ground that they are distinctively problems of race.

By Russell Baker

This mistake was made by Dwight Eisenhower 40 years ago and swiftly regretted. for President Eisenhower was a serious man, serious about government's duties.

He tried to avoid the multiracial reality of America in the Arkansas school desegregation crisis by arguing that race passions resided in the human heart, which could not be changed by government action. When the white governor of Arkansas, Orvai Faubus, proposed to let the white human heart express itself by defying a court desegregation order, how-ever, Mr. Eisenhower used the army to preserve government by law.

Everybody now knows about the problem of the young black male, and nobody with power has done anything about it. To be sure, President Bill Clinton has gone into the occasional black church and made the correct sounds, but where is the highpowered, bipartisan, interracial presidential commission empowered to recommend executive and legislative action?

Have the leaders of the black com-

munity put pressure on White House and Congress to wake up? If so, the pressure has been as that of a feather pillow on the

pyramid of Cheops.

Who are the leaders of this black community, anyhow? Are there any, or are they just fictional creations of the media: Maybe the "black community" is fictional, too. Why shouldn't it be? After all, there is no such thing as a "white community," no group who can sensibly be called "white leaders."

Maybe it is tired old racist thinking to keep talking about a "black community" complete with "black leaders." Maybe it makes more sense nowadays to drop all that separatist language and say, "There's nobody here but us Americans."

The Clinton administration is not the first to do nothing about the desperate situation of the young black American.

Doing nothing about it has been the unswerving policy of presidents back as far as Richard Nixon, Not incidentally, it was Mr. Nixon's so-called "Southern strategy" that rebuilt the Republican Particle of the strategy of the strategy of the strategy. ty on white hostility to civil rights. Nor are the dynamic new Gingrich

conservatives engaged with the problem. The Contract With America may ask us to assume that its blessings will lead, one of these days, to more secure childhoods, better schooling, better jobs and a full dinner pail for young black men, but in the meantime it is explicit about the need to cut welfare. If a single Republican presidential candidate has spoken of the matter that produced the Million Man March, it has been a pianissimo performance.

Let's not forget, either, the fierce and forbidding teachiness of many black people, which discourages whites from discussing the problem. It is understandable that a politician might ignore the subject entirely when he fears that getting involved may earn him the epithet of "racist."

Some kind of action was overdue. There was a vacuum to be filled. Politics has declined into a game for overgrown boys and their high-tech toys. You win by finessing reality. So finally it was left for Louis Farrakhan to act.

It made a lot of people so mad they could spit. That often happens when good people have done nothing.

The New York Times.

The American Dream and Goal Were Supposed to Be Unity

NEW YORK — The black men's march was a blow to civil rights movement was de-

cent and hopeful. the damage, the greater the chance that it does not degenerate into the permanent disaster of racial separation - the dream and goal of the originator of the demonstration. Political separation, racial separation, emotional separation, religious separation, separation today, separation to-

morrow, separation forever. For America's sake, listen to what Louis Farrakhan tells his followers, read the list of goals he has laid out for his Nation of Islam. The demagogues and dictators always reveal themselves. They must, to attract the core of the vicious, around whom they build their power.

The Nation of Islam's program

By A. M. Rosenthal

demeaning and damaging as the rationalizers of the demonstration never mentioned that.

The danger is not simply what The sooner we Americans see the Nation of Islam is able to achieve about separation. It is the damage it does meanwhile to the American dream of racial unity and to American life, day by day. All its propaganda and racial spewings are devised to divide, separate, resegregate.

So: The issue presented by Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam is not black against black, or Farrakhan against the Jews, or even only black against white, but separatism against a united America.

Who in the country's leadership, black or white, speaks the truth in candor about the separatist essence of what we confront? Few, terribly few.

Once I expected candor from tions and for the problems of

the American dream and goal of arate black nation within Amer- it. But there he was - a big man unity. It can turn out to be as ica. Somehow the apologists and in a big demonstration with no whites, no women, no Asians, no Latinos. The new rainbow -

> unisex and unicolor. I still felt we might get plain talk about the heart issue of separatism from Bill Clinton, and even more, from Colin Powell, whose personal achievements, attitudes and racial stance in life so many of us respected and still do. But from both came a strange

moral and political distortion. Their message was that since the participants might get per-sonal inspiration from the day, the demonstration was a fine thing, even though the men were marching behind a national bigot, strengthening him and mak-

ing him the only beneficiary. The inspiration was supposed to move black men to take more responsibility for their own ac-

of women. But if the demon-membered because one man was strators did not hold themselves responsible or were not held responsible by American leaders and American society for building up the messenger of separatism, then how can they ever be expected to hold themselves

responsible for anything else" Did not American leaders. elected or not, have their own responsibility to urge black men to stay away because separatism would destroy their own future?

General Powell said it would be paternalistic to tell black Americans not to take part in the march. But he said he would not take part for fear that his presence would lend Mr. Farrakhan

credibility.
It would have. But no one man's personal credibility is more important and powerful than the massive presence of all the black men who did take part and whose attendance General Powell said could make them states its goal: creation of a sep- Jesse Jackson and sometimes got crime, drugs, poverty and abuse better. The day will not be re-

not there, but because so many others were.

President Clinton and General Powell both decided to play it safe - denounce Mr. Farrakhan but not urge African-Americans to vote against him with their feet, which might have carried a political price. They stayed out of town, and out of leadership.

The marchers played into the hands of anti-black racism. The demonstration made problems like drugs, poverty, crime and violence sound as if they were invitations to the march - matters for blacks only. For this both blacks and whites will suffer.

Only one leader, one group, can profit from this perversion of reality. The day belonged to Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam. To deny this reality, to refuse to state and acknowledge its damage, will do the country even more harm than was done on the day of Louis Farrakhan's march.

The New York Times.

Better to Redesign a Scaled Down, Realistic United Nations

HELSINKI — The United Nations has reached a certain Sunday to Tuesday to mark the

50th anniversary of the organi-

zation is not likely to be much of a It used to be said that there was nothing wrong with the United Nations except its members. This is no longer the whole truth. The institution itself needs to be renovated. Its problem is not just

bureaucratic waste and graft; the problem is structural. It is now generally accepted that the Security Council should be remade to reflect the realities of power in the world today. But the sector dealing with economic and social issues has fallen even

further behind the times. A jungle of agencies and funds was allowed to grow in the '70s as

By Max Jakobson age. Older people are disappointed and the young uninterested.

part of the effort of the developing place" for America. Like a father countries to create a New Interwho disowns an errant son, the national Economic Order—a

United States turned its back on

global welfare state to be administered by the United Nations. The Third World lacked the power to change the world economy, and the new order remained a dead letter. But its organs continue to function, grinding out resolutions and reports that have no impact on the course of events. The political consequences of

this phase in the life of the United Nations were disastrous. Led by the most radical representatives of the Third World and egged on by the Soviets, the campaign for the NIEO turned into an ideological assault on Western values in general and the United States in particular. The United Nations

its own creation. American critics demonize the United Nations by claiming that it aspires to act as a world government that could drag the United States into faraway conflicts unrelated to its national interests. Yet at the same time they dismiss it as too incompetent to be used as an instrument in cases in which

U.S. interests require action. The fact remains that without an active American engagement in terms of political will and money, nothing much can be done to make the United Nations a more important and effective body. Europe is preoccupied with its own institutional projects; Japan, Russia, became, in the words of Daniel China — none is able to lead. The Patrick Moynihan, "a dangerous goal of UN reformers must there-

fore be to re-engage the United States in the world organization. all states; a forum for debate, a safety valve, a wailing wall, a plat-

s can usefully nerform in today's world. It should not pretend to be the center from which "a strategy of global change" is directed and managed. There are indeed global problems. but the action that has to be taken to manage them is for the most part regional, national or local.

Governments cooperate with each other within several concentric circles of neighbors, allies, trading partners and ideological kin, and the United Nations is bound to be on the outer circle.

For the major powers, the United Nations will always remain a secondary instrument of policy. The Group of Seven, with Russia now an associate member, is bound to be more important then the UN Security Council. Europe has its own network of organizations. Economic issues are dealt with in the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization, not in the UN Economic and Social Council, which could be abolished altogether.

This process of elimination reveals the primary task of the United Nations in the world today. It is the place where the developed industrial world encounters the less developed world, and where the complex relationship between the two can be managed.

The essential tasks that only a global organization can perform on behalf of all its member states can be grouped under three gen-

eral headings. First, the United Nations is a permanent diplomatic market for the exchange of information and views. It is a meeting place for the

This requires a realistic ap- form from which victims of agpraisal of the functions that the gression and injustice can appeal to

Second, it is the instrument by which governments seek to define and codify norms and standards of civilized relations between states, develop public international law and promote observance of universal principles of human rights within states.

Third, the United Nations provides member states with a number of useful services, for the purpose of maintaining international peace and security as well as for humanitarian assistance for refugees and victims of natural or man-made disasters. In practical terms, various UN agencies, above all the Security Council, can be used to coordinate interventions by the major powers and their allies in crises and conflicts in the Third World.

This may be called a minimalist concept of the UN role in world affairs. In present circumstances, however, more ambitious plans, for instance proposals to provide the United Nations with its own intervention force, have no chance of gaining the acceptance of the major powers. They would only fuel the inflated expectations that have plagued the United Nations from its inception.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Cuban Republic

MADRID - The Impurcial has received a long telegram from Key West, Fla., in which it is stated that the Constitution of the Cuban Republic was published yesterday [Oct. 16]. There are in all twentythree articles. The eleventh says that the insurgents cannot treat for peace with Spain, as it is necessary that they should complete the liberty of Cuba. Other articles set forth that the Republic undertakes to pay all debts and claims in respect to the present war, and that a conscription shall be established.

1920: Monet's Gift

PARIS -- For several years M. Claude Monet, perhaps the greatest of all living French artists, has been studying, observing and painting water-filles in every light and in every weather, developing them in such a manner that a

river scene. M. Monet has just given twelve of his forty works of this category to the French nation, at the instance of M. Georges Clemenceau, the former Premier. They will be housed in a special building to be set up in the gardens of the Rodin Museum. M. Monet has always refused to sell the series of paintings, although American collectors have offered him any price which he might name.

1945: Full Citizenship WASHINGTON - Senator Ed-

ward V. Robertson, of Wyoming. advocating full citizenship rights for the American Indian, said today he would introduce legislation for that purpose. American leaders have criticized European countries for their treatment of minority groups, but they have done nothing to "straighten out their own minority suppression, he said. "In the broad sense," the gallery housing them would con-Indians "have always been prisvey the impression of a beautiful oners of the government.

Getting Past the Okinawa Trouble

TOKYO — After decades of bruising economic friction. the U.S.-Japanese relationship is suddenly threatened by long-dormant security questions. The alleged rape of a Japanese girl by three American servicemen on Okinawa has set off alarm bells in both Washington and Tokyo as efforts are made to

contain the political damage. Attempts to defuse the issue are continuing, but public anger in Japan is leaving the coalition government of Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama caught between the grievances of Oki-nawans and the importance it attaches to the security pact with the United States.

The last thing the beleaguered cabinet in Tokyo needs is a major dispute with Washington over the alliance, which other Asian nations see as a safeguard against Japan rearming under an independent, and possibly assertive, defense policy. In Japan itself, recent banking fiascoes and the repeated failures to kickstart the faltering economy present the coalition government with more than enough problems without opening the Pandora's box of security issues.

Until the 1970s, when the burgeoning affluence of an increasingly consumer-oriented Japan took hold, it was the U.S.-Japanese military pact that was the center of domestic political controversy. Street demonstrations in 1960 forced the cancellation of a visit by President Dwight Eisenhower to Tokyo and the resignation of Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi. The presence of American military bases was seen by many in Japan as an insult to the nation's of Okinawans to force the Unit- comment to the Herald Tribune.

By Roger Buckley

sovereignty and an unwelcome reminder that the postwar U.S. occupation had, in effect, been permitted to continue.

While the Japan of 1995 is a very different country from the still uncertain and economically weak state of 1960, neither the U.S. nor the Japanese govern-ment can afford to mishandle the present security issue. Both sides are well aware of the intensity of feeling on Okinawa against the behavior of U.S. military personnel and the wish of many in Japan's southernmost and poorest prefecture to scrap the entire security pact.

Resolution of the crisis may not be possible before the November summit in Japan between Mr. Murayama and President Bill Climon. There is a risk that things could become more serious, as neither side is finding

it easy to make concessions. The immediate need is to alter provisions under which the U.S. military can hold soldiers suspected of crime until they are formally indicted by Japanese authorities, instead of handing them over immediately.

About a quarter of Okinawa is in American military hands. Politically, it is important that some of these bases be handed back. The Clinton administration is trying to accommodate Japan without greatly weakening its privileged position on Okinawa.

Both Mr. Clinton and Walter Mondale, the U.S. ambassador in Tokyo, have apologized for the behavior of the troops. Beyond the vocal campaign

ed States to leave and their bitterness at what they see as decades of neglect by the central government in Tokyo lies the deeper issue of an appropriate foreign policy for Japan.

The end of the Cold War has

not yet engendered any substan-tial public debate on what Japan's role in the region and beyond should now be. For all

ic and financial troubles makes it increasingly unlikely that the Murayama government or its successor will risk any new initiatives. The Japanese public has been bombarded with bad news this year on an almost daily basis, and its horizons are narrower than in the boom years

In such circumstances, any funce cabinet would be reluctant to move away from the shelter of the U.S. defense umbrella. If the dispute centering on Okinawa can be managed sensitively, the Pacific partnership between America and Japan is

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the brave talk by some officials in Tokyo of a permanent seat for the country on the United Nations Security Council, and the intermittent experiment of sending Japanese military personnel on UN peacekeeping missions in Asia and Africa, little has really altered. Japan remains reluctant to take on new international responsibilities in either foreign policy or defense and security. The present wave of econom-

of the late 1980s.

set to last into the next century.

OPINION/LETTERS

For Euro-East Coast, It's 'Sayonara' Time

By Tom Plate

W ASHINGTON — The East Coast isn't so bad. Lincoln Center in New York, Kennedy Center in Washington, terrific restaurants in both cities — pretry impressive. And on the 11 or so days a year that the weather is actually merciful enough to allow strolling, they have those promenades and nice parks; plus there's that storied sense of tradition. So let's allow East Coasters their good points.

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But just ask them for certain courtesies, such as some honest perspective on U.S. foreign policy and respect for the towering importance of Asia (and California), and suddenly you're from Mars, Some Eastemers, remember, still tend to think of California as the land of fruits and nuts, when it's as much the breeder of Silicon Valley geniuses and the mammoth Hollywood economic engine as anything else.

Worse yet, most people east of the Rockies tend to think of Asia, when they think of it at all, in cliché terms best left to comic books of the Eisenhower era (a time when Asia was at least as ignored, but with fewer potential consequences).

The result is an antiquated U.S. foreign policy that obsesses about the future of the Atlantic Alliance, hyperventilates about what President Jacques Chirac's next blowhard state-ment will be (who cares?) and sometimes even talks as if England (still a wonderful place to visit, by the way) were a

Too bad. History is about to say "sayonara" to the East Coast — it is rolling westward, like some huge Hegelian force, across the United States, pausing for breath in California, catching a few waves near Hawaii and then blowing ashore in the Far East. To settle and center itself where? Hong Kong? Beijing? Tokyo? Jakar-ta? Any of these. It won't be Chicago or Brussels.

And, you know what? For too long now, the East Coast has been in denial.

"American foreign policy has indeed suffered from a long period of neglect regarding the Pacific," Warren Christopher told me recently. "We really have had a Eurocentric approach and failed to take account of the importance

of Asia." state believes strongly that Washington provincialism and East Coast Atlanticism will continue to impede a savvier with all those different Asian foreign policy, even though a global shift is occurring.

"Asia offers the most important set of trade relationships, certainly in terms of growth," he said. "It is the world's most dynamic area, and American foreign policy has not been putting enough energy, drive or resources into its Pacific policy.

Mr. Christopher is a modest man, the last to publicly knock anyone. But as a troublemaking California columnist, I wante

to stir things up a little.
I said something like: "Eastemers think of themselves as all Park Avenue sophistication, but their Washington tunnel vision in effect puts foreign policy blinders on them.'

It was my lucky day — Mr. Christopher was in a mood to wax philosophical.

"Geography has a lot to do with your perspective on things," he said.

Living in California all those years helped, he said, as did serving in the Navy in the Pa-cific during World War II. "It helped me realize long ago how important it was for the U.S. to remain a Pacific power. They don't see that as clearly on the

Fellow California-perspec-tivist Mickey Kantor, President Bill Clinton's hard-charging trade representative, agrees. He says bluntly that Washingtonians (and the national media, too) are insane to ignore Asia and Latin America as much as they do. With the rush of a stock ticker, he rattled off in his Washington office some amaz-

ing stats:

U.S. exports to member nations of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum (which includes Canada and Mexico as well as all the bigger Asian-Pacific economies) add up to 62.5 percent of America's total worldwide in 1994;

 Imports from the same countries add up to two-thirds of the U.S. total;

• 55 percent to 60 percent of the growth in the world economy over the next 10 years will be created in East Asia.

Says Mr. Kantor: "America has not shifted its focus from the Cold War. You know where our real strategic concerns are? They're in Asia -- China, Japan, Korea. And maybe you only know that by coming from California. It makes you look at foreign policy with more sensitivity, more involvement. We're all victims and beneficiaries of what we're exposed to.

'To understand the future, it helps to have come from California. Chris [Secretary of State Christopher] sees this clearly; so does Laura [Tyson, chair of the President's Council of Economic Advisers].

"We're all from California, the three of us. We know, because we have lived with it, communities, the power of the Pacific. But Washington is Eurocentric — the majority in power came out of the European culture.

"The Pacific, for better or for worse, is our destiny." Sounds good to me. But what do I know? I'm only a Cal-

Los Angeles Times.

Dear Bob Dole: America Needs More Foreign Languages

JOUY-EN-JOSAS, France — My wife is Czech. I am American, We live in France. Our son, just going on 4, is trilingual.

Czech is Gabriel's first language (they don't call it "mother tongue" for nothing), and since I don't speak Czech that causes me some occasional discomfort: There are times when I'd like to know what he and his mother are talking about. But

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then there are probably times when it's just as well I don't. Gabriel and I speak English together. At

preschool, he speaks French. Recently, I took Gabriel to the United States for three weeks. As I watched him navigate through his first trip to an English-speaking country, two things struck me: the pleasure he got out of being able to speak English with someone besides his dad, and how uniformly people greeted his multilingualism with admiration, even envy.

In the local supermarket, he would walk up to strangers, say hello and ask them what they were doing - usually as a pretext for explaining that he was in California to visit his grandparents and see sea otters. Generally, I would By Daniel Shanahan

step in after a minute or two to explain that he wasn't running for office, just tickled over the fact that in America he could speak English with everyone. Inevitably, Gabriel's multilingual-

ism would come up. Without exception, everyone we met expressed awe at his accomplishment. "He's so lucky," was a common refrain. So you will excuse me, Sen-

ator Dole, if I say that the discussion about official languages and bilingual education, to which you have recently added your weight, is one of the biggest red herrings to come down the pike in a long time.

During the decade and a half I have been involved in international education, one truth about language use in the world has been pounded home: The world is going English.

A few years from now, Gabriel will be canny enough to know that he can start up conversations in English not just in a Sacramento supermarket, but in Rio, Shanghai and Prague. So at the outset, let's agree that English is in no danger of disappearing from the face of the earth: It is changing

competition and national security: If the world is going English, it's also going bilingual — all those people learning English already speak a native language of their own.

And as we all know, learning another language means a lot more than grammar and vocabulary: As you get fluent, you learn how other people think, how they see the world, how they negotiate, how they think militarily, what they might be able to offer and what they would be willing to fight for.

In other words, there are all these millions of people out there in the world learning not just how to speak English, but how to understand - and perhaps, out-think, outsmart and generally outdo - those like us who speak it as our native tongue.

That being the case, should lan-guage-related discussion in the United States center around preventing children from getting an education in two

No. senator, what we ought to be debating, and with the greatest of urgency, is how early we begin teaching second languages to all our children, how many languages we require And the fact the world is going for a college degree, how to take the guage," she said.

make them resources for those impoverished tens of millions who speak only English.

The so-called language debate in the United States today is a pointless digression with potentially tragic consequences. For it ignores the simple fact that multilingualism gives you a competitive edge every bit as important as computer technology, advanced military weaponry or good business sense. In fact, it is good business sense.

Two years ago, one of my French students interned on your staff for a summer. Soon after she returned, we had coffee. Two things about the conversation returned to me when I read your recent remarks about bilingual education. One was her genuine conviction that you took great pains to represent your constituents' best interests. The other was her intense frustration when she learned on re-turning that budget restrictions at our school might force the students to cut back the number of foreign languages

they study from three to two. 'French corporations just aren't oing to look at you unless you have English, German and one other lan-

English should tell us something fun-millions of speakers of other lan-damental about global economic guages in American schools and at the top management schools. compete on that playing field? Are we planting the seeds early enough to even hope for similar qualitications among university graduates in any field? The answer has to be a resounding — choose your lan-guage — "no," "non," "nyet." "nein," "ne."

Debate about bilingual education doesn't even put the cart before the horse: In today's world, it's an argument based on pre-

wheel technology Let's get real about language in America.

The concern should be about providing your constituents - and all Americans — with the best tools for competing in the environment they inhabit, it should be about discovering the world, not withdrawing

If we don't face that fact, we will be robbing our children of the opportunity to compete and commu-nicate in a globalized environment.

The writer is the chairman of the English department at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.



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without adequate insurance.

Georgia. It is perhaps stretching the truth to say the doctors did not leave because of higher salaries. Since 1945, the United States has attracted doctors educated at the expense of European and Third World

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On Oct. 10, the trial of former President Mengistu Haile Mariam of Ethiopia recommendation

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am of Ethiopia recommenced in Addis Ababa, but Colonel Mengistu is in so-called exile in Zimbabwe, from where, under the 1948 Convention on Genocide, he should have been handed over a year ago.

It must be an international scandal that a man responsible for genocide is allowed to remain free contrary to all normal standards of justice. Genocide is a crime against human-ity — so that, by definition, it involves every living person, everywhere.

Yet where is the outcry against Zimbabwe for continuing to harbor him? Or does no one care - except, that is, the millions of relatives of those for whose death he was responsible, or the further millions of the blinded and maimed, to say nothing of the rape victims. LOUIS FITZGIBBON.

Brighton, England.

Shame at Statement Regarding "Politician in

India Moves to Keep American Fast-Food Firms at Bay" (Oct. 4): Kashmiris are fighting Indian security forces in Kashmir.

So are the Sikhs in Punjab and Bhodes in Assam.
It is all right to fight the militants, but for the Indian sejournity forces to kill civilians and rape innocent women can-

not be justified. If the leaders of India think like Bal Thackeray, head of the militant Shiv Sena, or Army of Shivaji Party, then I would want every Kashmiri to fight for an independent Kashmir.

How would Mr. Thackeray feel if he were in a situation like Kashmiris are today and his daughters were raped?

people like him never come to power anywhere in the world. H. MOHAMED. London.

Head South" (Oct. 12):

Three laser machines for two surgeons may be one reason he can charge more in the United States for his services. And if he worked at a large teaching hospital in the United States, he might find that because of underfunding his level of care would not equal what he can give his private patients in

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Philippines

Manila Sees Beginnings Of Reverse **Brain Drain**

A Stronger Economy Lures Expatriates Back to Local Firms

By John Kohut

ANILA - While the Philippines slid from ranking as one the richest countries in Asia to becoming its "sick man" during the 1970s and 1980s, a big slice of the nation's intellectual and professional elite fled economic stagnation to make their careers in more vibrant economies elsewhere.

But now, in a vote of confidence for the Philippines' economic future and in an ironic twist of fate, Filipino professionals are returning home to what they now see as a new land of opportunity.

"There's definitely a reverse brain drain," said Nonoy Colayco, who came back to Manila last year to become Jardine Matheson Group chairman for the Philippines and chairman and chief executive of Jardine Davis, a holding com-pany for a number of Jardine Group businesses here.

Throughout his nine years as manager of investment portfolios worldwide for American International Group, the U.S. insurance giant, Mr. Colayco was the envy of his peers in the Philippines.

People ask me all the time why I came back. I had a great job in New York working in a great company," he said. One reason, or course, was the fact that he received an attractive job offer from Jardine. But Mr. Colayco said he prob-

had it not come at the same time as a Continued on Page 14

ably would not have accepted the offer



Fidel Ramos on the eve of his election: Today, he wins credit for a political and economic turnaround.

Can the Nation's Economy Catch Up?

ANILA — The Philippines, accustomed to a steady diet of boom and bust, now ▲ ▼ ▲ shows promising signs of overcoming a host of difficulties that left it lagging far behind most of its Asian neighbors in the regional race for economic growth.

The administration of President Fidel V. Ramos is overseeing an economic recovery that is drawing interest and accolades from economists and investors around the world.

But several major tests remain before the Philippines can finally shake off its

reputation as a country of squandered opportunities.

Continued vigilance against inflation. financing vital infrastructure develop-ment, creating jobs for millions of Filipinos mired in poverty and attracting more long-term foreign investment head a list of complex tasks before the country.

Most important of all, according to many analysts, is avoiding the temptation to relax the reform process now that real

progress has buoyed prospects.

The primary challenge for attaining a higher growth path remains for the government to sustain the hard-won advances in

recent years in revenue generation and economic liberalization," warned Francis X. Colaço, senior advisor to the World Bank's vice president for Asia and Pacific.

Political and economic life has long been controlled by a handful of powerful business families who saw little benefit in open competition.

At the same time, voracious borrowing from international lenders, much of it contracted during the Marcos years, has left a legacy of crushing debt.

Grossly inadequate infrastructure

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Ramos Wins Plaudits For Newfound Stability

By Kevin Murphy

URALLAH, Philippines — Convoys of helicopters thumping through the air are no stranger to the Philippines' southern provinces of Mindanao; years of insurrection by Muslim separatists and communist insurgents have taken too many

lives in the recent past.

But the crowds of Surallah taking facefuls of dust as seven choppers landed in their midst were in a welcoming, upbear mood. President Fidel V. Ramos, a batch of his cabinet secretaries, assorted advisers and the Malacanang Palace press corps had

arrived at one of a dozen stops that day.
"I am at home in this place," said Mr. Ramos, repeating a line used often on a lightening-paced inspection tour that started at 4:30 A.M. in Manila and finished there again 15 hours later. "I was here before.

Because of a life-long military career and the grueling inspection regimen he has kept since his election as president in 1992, he actually had been in some of the places several times before.

On this outing, a geothermal electricity plant in the mountains was inaugurated and local tribal leaders consulted; a massive new San Miguel brewery was opened and blessed near a site the former Philippine armed forces chief remembered as

pine armed forces chief remembered as "Ambush Alley"; and a local business briefing was attended, all before 11 A.M.

Later, in other parts of the island, a flood-damaged irrigation system was inspected and relief measures announced; Muslim rebels who surrendered were met and the security sinuation assessed; nearand the security situation assessed; generals were consulted; and a council of local educators praised. All together seven speeches were given and the national

anthem was sung three times.
"The culture of the Filipinos is that they want to see the boss, they want to see the leader," Mr. Ramos explained on the jet back to Manila. "Even if it's just to shake hands or catch his eye, it's a big thing, part of our tradition."

"In the case of the president, it is not

just wanting to press the flesh, which gets a little difficult some times," said Mr.

Ramos, who needs only four hours of sleep each night. "It is to make sure that things are done properly and done on a

timely basis."

Halfway through a six-year term, Mr.
Ramos is widely credited with having regained long-lost political stability for the Philippines. He has also directed Asia's most dramatic economic turnaround in recent years.

His predecessor, Corazon C. Aquino, and her advisers, including Mr. Ramos as her security chief, formulated many of the reforms as they sought to rebuild the country after years of rule by Ferdinand Marcos. But there were frequent challenges to Mrs. Aquino's administration from both plotters of coups and more mainstream opponents.

Now, these problems seem to have been sorted out. Foreign investors are coming back, inflation is in check, budget surpluses are being recorded, and in general militant groups are talking with, rather than

fighting against, the government.

Even the once-sheltered big business elite that dominates the economy and nervously eyes reforms that are opening markets to genuine competition have now come on board.

But in a country where political in-trigues have often worked against spo-radic economic gains, Mr. Ramos's future moves are anticipated with concern.

For every skeptic who fears the life-long soldier will engineer a way to avoid stepping down when his term expires mandatory under the country's 1987 con-stitution — there is another who fears the Philippines' resurgence will lose pace without his hands-on management style.

"Ramos has clearly turned the situation around in the Philippines," said Jim Rohwer, chief economist, Asia with CS First Boston (Hong Kong) Ltd. "Investors would like to see him office for a would like to see him stay in office for a long time to complete that process."

The big question is how well entrenched he can make his reforms in the remaining years in office," Mr. Rohwer said. "In the field of candidates who might succeed him, how many will support the reforms and how many will not?" Local

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dramatic upturn in the Philippine econ-

'It was a chance to come home when the country is beginning what I think will be a

long-term economic takeoff," he said. To be sure, the diaspora has hardly ended. Some 3.5 million Filipinos working abroad, mainly as maids and construction workers. Their absence has alleviated both unemployment and underemployment at the same time as their remittances have

helped prop up the economy. (Page 16) But with the wheels of domestic industry and finance turning again, the Philippines is now drawing white-collar workers back from overseas. What is more, it is convincing many of those still here to stay

So far, there are only a few industries in which times are so good they can afford to would not have come beckon Filipinos to return home. One ex-

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one consequence of the government's decision last year to allow 10 foreign banks to future for the country set up full-service operations in the Philipset up full-service operations in the rimip-pines — previously there had been only and the potential to four - is that financial institutions are posching employees from each other, driv-reap huge dividends. ing salaries higher.

On the other hand, doctors, nurses and teachers still find the financial rewards of New York in the 1980s. But salaries, while working in the United States overwhelm- lower than those of other financial centers, ing compared with what they can earn in are catching up. the Philippines.

Nevertheless, as the economy improves and as living standards rise, it is now possible to imagine that more Filipinos from those professions will one day opt to stay in the Philippines.

No statistics are available for how many Filipino managers and professionals have nancial meccas in that money is not the returned, but there is plenty of anecdotal only, or even the primary, attraction. There evidence to suggest that their numbers are already significant.

Practically everyone in the Makati commercial district of Manila seems to know at least several Filipinos who have recently returned, or are themselves recruiting compatriots from overseas.

"Seventy per cent of the Filipinos I States, associated with in the United States are Other back." said Gregory Domíngo, who returned two months ago to be managing director at Chemical Bank in Manila.

"In terms of career growth path, it seems like being in Asia is better for people like me," he said, "especially when the economy in New York is weak and there's lots of consolidation on Wall Street.'

Judging by the number of resumes that are flooding into executive search firms, the word is out among Filipino professionals.

abroad each day. The candidates are work- speakers working in Hong Kong discover Philippines.

Mr. Zulueta said Indonesia, and especially the capital city of Jakarta, has traditionally been a major destination for professional Filipinos, where their skills have been in high demand.

Now, he says, "I think the Indonesians will have a hard time recruiting Filipinos." Jakarta businesses, he says, "will have to fend for themselves."

As further evidence of the turning tide. Mr. Zulueta notes a significant increase in membership fees at the Manila Polo Club over the past year.

For the moment, however, Manila is not a financial boom town on the order of, say,

High-flyers say they ample is real estate, which is enjoying a back if not for what they Banking and finance is another. In fact. see as a bright economic

Mr. Domingo said traders in Manila were commanding wages that are 50 percent to 100 percent higher than they could get 18 months ago. In general, he said, pay scales are now about 70 percent of what

they are in Hong Kong.

Moreover, Manila is not like other fiare other considerations that factor into a Filipino manager's decision to stay abroad or come home.

Some returnees cite a better lifestyle in the Philippines, where an abundance of labor enables them to hire household staff and willingness to invest money by local that they could not afford in the United

patriate life and want to be close to their pines. families. Mr. Zulueta said some of his clients reported being fed up with high crime, even in their children's schools.

But perhaps the biggest drawing card for they can benefit from an old-boy network

that was not available to them abroad.
Filipino expatriates, "whether they like it or not, aren't first-class citizens" in their host countries, Mr. Zulueta said.

Those working in the United States find Jesus Zulueta, managing director of ex- they are shut out of the mainstream by not ecutive search consultants ZMG, said he having been educated in the American sysreceives 20 to 25 resumes from Filipinos tem, he said, while English- and Spanish-

ing in big banks, in household name cor- that they are left on the sidelines of a lot of porations, and in towns he has never heard the bigger deals unless they speak Chinese, since business in the British colony is increasingly geared towards China.

But most of the high-flyers said such factors would not have persuaded them to head back to Manila had it not been for what they see as a bright economic future for the country and the potential to reap huge personal dividends over the long run, even if they have to take a pay cut for the

"To tell you frankly, this is where the action is," said Raymond Reyes, 28, a manager in corporate finance at Citibank in Manila. Mr. Reyes studied and worked in the United States but decided to return home to a salary about half of what he could earn in New York.

Many returnees still worry that the bubble might burst. After all, the economy was growing at a robust 5.2 per cent annually between 1986-89, then nose-dived, con-

racting slightly in 1991.
"I'm optimistic, but like all emerging markets, it only takes so much to upset the equation," said Dan Filiciano, a senior executive at Exchange Capital Corp. who left Merrill Lynch & Co. in New York to return to the Philippines. He notes, for example, the shock waves sent around the world by the Mexican financial crisis at the

beginning of this year.
Mr. Colayco, however, is convinced that while there may be bumps along the way. this time growth can be sustained.

For one thing, economic liberalization is making business easier and Philippine companies more competitive. Mr. Colayco noted that not only is investment from overseas growing, it is of much higher quality than the low-level assembly plants that were being set up by foreign investors when Mr. Colayco left the country in

'If this trend continues, in the next five to 10 years the Philippines will be close to achieving critical mass in industries like electronics and automotive parts,"

In addition, Mr. Colayco sees "a tremendous amount of entrepreneurship people," many of whom are liquidating investments in the United States and Eu-Others say they have tired of the ex- rope in order to put money into the Philip-

> And, he argued, despite its recent history of political turmoil, the Philippines' fiscal tuation represents a safe bet. The country, he said, will not be roiled

Filipino returnees is that in the Philippines by a Mexican-style financial crisis bethey can benefit from an old-boy network cause, unlike Mexico, it does not have a high proportion of national debt in shortterm bills owned by foreigners. "I don't want to sound like a Pollyanna

optimist," said Mr. Colayco, "but the fundamentals are certainly there."

JOHN KOHUT is a journalist based in Hong Kong who traveled recently to the



The nation's growing prosperity is bringing back some expatriates.

Ramos Wins Credits for a Turnaround

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ewspapers are filled with speculative articles suggesting how and why the country's congress could move to amend the constitution to allow Mr. Ramos a continued stay in office.

In national elections in May several senators and members of the House of Representatives enhanced their statures through spirited campaigns and strong showings.

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, an economist and daughter of a former president, received by far the most votes among senators, prompting local analysts to put her among the front ranks of possible suc-cessors in 1998. Also elected to the Senate was Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, who led three coup attempts against Mrs. Aquino. Ferdinand Marcos Jr., known as Bong Bong, narrowly missed a seat.

But the elections were viewed as a strong endorsement of the Ramos administracoalition with 20 of 24 seats in the Senate and a clear majority in the House.

That majority should make further policy steps targeted by the president, including vital tax reforms, easier to pass, but it could also smooth the way toward changing

the constitutional barrier to a second term if there would be little legislative work, there the president aspired to a longer tenure.

When asked about his plans after 1998. Mr. Ramos, 67, never says "never" about continuing as president. Instead, while admitting he was tempted to seize power or act outside the law in the most chaotic days of the country's troubled past, he said he will respect the constitution.

"There were many temptations along the way and not necessarily limited to times when there were coup attempts, but I decided in favor of the constitution." Mr. Ramos said. "I always remained faithful to the constitution.'

Although improving his golf game after 1998 remains a high priority, Mr. Ramos said he hopes to maintain a key role as a 'senior adviser" to the government.

'Our economic and social gains, our electoral reforms and all of those programs that have helped us get where we are today. those will be my concerns after 1998, even if I am in private life," Mr. Ramos said at a tion's performance, leaving a pro-Ramos news conference in Zamboanga, the last stop on his inspection tour.

Some of his advisers believe Mr. Ramos' vagueness on his post-1998 plans is designed to keep his rivals and would-be successors on their toes.

"If anything came out in that regard for the International Herald Tribune.

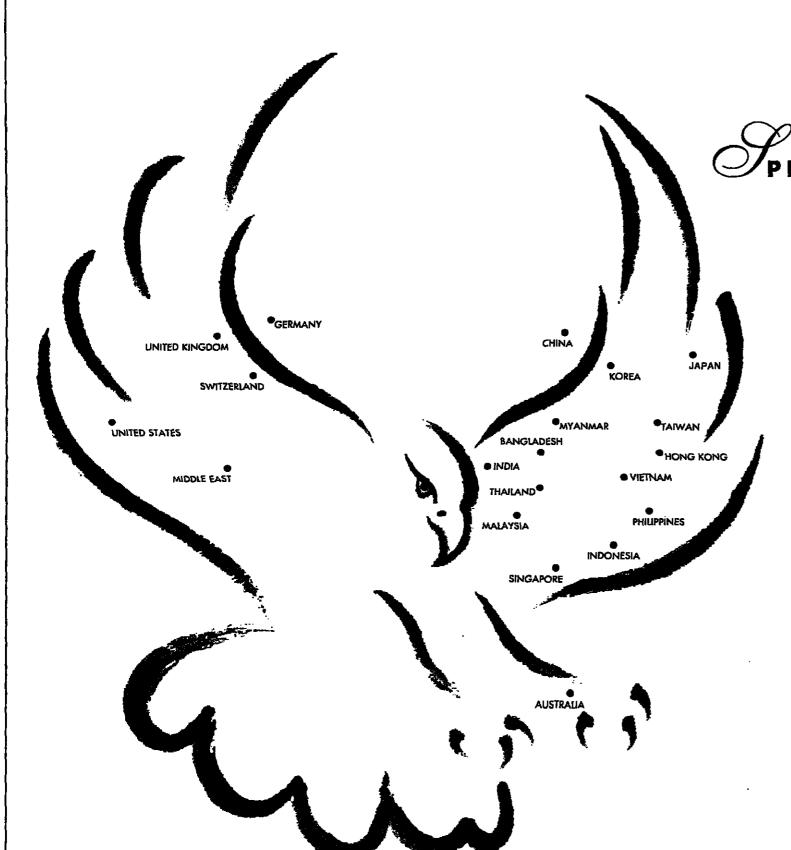
would be sloppy prosecution of policies and implementation of programs," Mr. Ramos said in his plane. "And the people in general, especially those not that interested in politics, would become confused and their energies would be dissipated.

In the meantime a considerable workload remains to be sorted out employing a command-style management approach first learned as a scholarship winner to the U.S. Military Academy. Poverty is crushing for many people, infrastructure is inadequate, and despite its recent gains, the economy lags far behind many others in Asia.

Apart from work on specific programs and duties in Manila, Mr. Ramos is continually campaigning for his vision of change in the Philippines, hoping to maintaining its momentum and spot others who share his ideals.

"I have the duty of expanding a core of believers as well as identifying and training a core of leaders that will carry on our work," Mr. Ramos said. "There shouldn't be any apprehension at all about continuity. or predictability or about transparency under our democratic system."

KEVIN MURPHY writes from Hong Kong



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"Smokey mountain" in Manila: Despite economic gains, poverty is still a serious problem.

Can Economic Boom Be Sustained?

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spending in all areas left an economy feted in the 1950s and 1960s as the next Japan in growth-sapping chaos, as painfully illustrated by the 12-hour-a-day power cuts that percent in the first eight months of 1995.

Crippled the economy in 1993.

However, picking up a policy framework largely established by the previous administration of Corazon C. Aquino, Mr. Ramos's team has, starting with the electricity situation, put reform theory into action on a number of fronts.

Ramos quickly opened the domestic market to foreign and private investment, creating a framework now lauded as among the most effective in the developing world, according to a recent World Bank study of Asia's infrastructure needs.

As emergency power generation efforts gave way to the signing of major deals with foreign groups, telecommunications and banking became the next two vital areas targeted for change.

The recent arrival of 10 new, wholly owned foreign banks, and the ending of a monopoly enjoyed by Philippine Long Distance Telephone have brought shake-ups to both industries. Efficiency is rising, along with consumer benefits, but without, so far, undue harm to established local firms.

⁵ local economy into greater integration with global markets.

Better control of money supply and national debts have also allowed the central

25 percent to their current 15 percent. In tandem with greater budgetary dis-

cipline, under which the Philippines recorded its first fiscal surplus in 20 years in 1994, interest rates on treasury bills have

Prime lending rates have fallen in parallel, lowering borrowing costs and providing a spur to economic activity overall. Much of the recent budget surplus can be attributed to nearly \$5 billion raised over

nine years from a sweeping privatization effort in which steel mills, oil companies To tackle the electricity shortages, Mr. and shipyards were sold off to local and foreign investors. A comprehensive tax reform scheme, if

passed by Congress this year, is expected to continue to achieve further surpluses and allow the country to build a national sav-Asian neighbors. "We have abandoned the antiquated,

inward-looking policies of the past, which have taken us on a roller-coaster ride of fundamentals that could underpin continuing growth," said Roberto de Ocampo. secretary of the Department of Finance.

Our economy is now, more than at any other time in our history, more efficient, Similarly, foreign-exchange restrictions that would enable it to compete in the were ended in 1993, a move that forced the global market." Mr. de Ocampo said. The reforms have prompted major busi-

ness expansion in anticipation of further fast growth. When Mr. Ramos took over in 1992, the economy grew by only 1.3 perbank to lower reserve levels for banks from cent. Last year, growth was 5.1 percent,

and this year it is forecast at 6.5 percent. Despite the euphoria, and perhaps because of it, major reservations remain

about the lasting power of this upturn.

Atop the list is a recent spike in the annual inflation rate, which hit 11.8 percent in September. Philippine economic planners blame the sharp rises largely on a recent poor rice harvest. Shortages that were exacerbated by hoarding should soon

disappear, planners believe. Many analysts also worry that Manila's successful lobbying of the International Monetary Fund to allow it to boost money supply targets beyond earlier agreed limits raises the specter of economic overheating.

However, Cielito Habito, secretary of the National Economic Development Authority, points out that in the past, Philippine growth spurts were driven by conings rate more in line with its fast-growing sumer spending and as such were unsustainable.

ports and direct, long-term investment river and shave been on the rise. While the Philipmaterials. short-lived, externally induced successes pines' current-account deficit, at 4.9 per-that were unsustainable for lack of strong cent of gross domestic product in 1994, is a equality for all," Ms. Cerbito said. concern to foreign investors, it has narrowed from 5.9 percent in 1993.

"Unlike Mexico, which did not have enough foreign reserves to match its current-account deficit, our own foreign rebetter equipped and with the right mindset serves, \$7.5 billion, are more than twice our current account deficit, about \$3 billion," Mr. Habito said. "The Philippines" economy is quite stable; about the only a small house of my own." thing we have in common with Mexico is

Prosperity Grows, but Not for All

By John Kohut

ANILA - The Makati commercial center of Manila is humming with new business. the swank hotels along Roxas Boulevard play host to eager foreign businessmen, property prices are going through the roof, trendy young Filipinos pass their Sundays scouring for sales and new arrivals in designer shops.

The smell of opportunity and national confidence seem to fill the air, thanks to a recent economic renaissance.

Then, there is Parola. Sprawling along the mouth of the Pasig River and creeping right up to Manila's northern harbor, this squalid shantytown of 22,000 families tells a tale of the Philippines that is very different from the one that investment analysts and chief executive

officers are likely to hear.

This is the world of the nearly 40 percent of the Philippine population that lives below the poverty line and that so far has go a day or so without

found little reason for hope. Here, behind concrete block walls that food, and a healthy only half hide the deprivation, underneath a road overpass, and sometimes even spilling young man is lucky if

crammed into shipping containers.
Families occasionally go a day or so without food, and a healthy young man is lucky if he earns the equivalent of \$4 a

day.
While middle- and upper-class Filipinos may now be optimistic about their prospects under Fidel V. Ramos's push for economic prosperity, the President has yet to prove himself to the millions of impoverished Filipinos who feel left out.

"Sometimes no one buys my products so I don't have food for two days. I feel my stomach is bloating, so I go to the pier and steal bananas," said Victoria Cerbito, 56, who came to Manila 13 years ago hoping to chip off a small piece of the prosperity that refugees from rural poverty expect to find

Instead, she just manages to subsist on a This time around, manufacturing, ex- small business gathering shells from the river and selling them as mix for building

ELIA Alfabiti, 39, lives with her husband and five children in one the shipping containers stacked on the port authority property, which the squatters of Parola ve usurped.

"My dream," she said, "is to have even Since 1982, Ms. Alfabiti has moved

countless times, never able to stay for more than two weeks in the same container. Kevin Murphy When cranes come to lift the containers

Nevertheless, the president's ambitions for the poor are as great as they are for the rest of the country: by 1998, he wants the fighting poverty," Mr. Ramos said recentpoverty level down to 30 percent from the

most recent year for which government data has been compiled. To help the poor, Mr. Ramos set up a special commission to fight poverty. He has also announced a social reform agenda that includes a host of agricultural, fish-

official 39.2 percent recorded in 1991, the

eries, labor, youth, housing and other pro-Early next year, Mr. Ramos will hold a national summit meeting on poverty re-

And he has taken on the Church in this

largely Catholic country by challenging its

go a day or so without more to a room in tiny shacks made from refuse and rented out by criminal gangs or crammed into shirping contains of \$4 a day.

> strictures against the use of birth control. Largely because Filipinos have followed Church doctrine, the country has a population growth rate of at least 2.5 per cent — among the highest in the

That growth results in a constant addition to the ranks of the poor. In Parola and other impoverished areas. it is common for families to have six or

more children. One government housing project aimed at relocating urban squatters is situated in Cavite, about 60 kilometers (37 miles)

south of Manila. "It was a turning point for me to get out of the stigma of being a squatter, and not having to fear that my house would be demolished or taken away," said Purifi-cacion Granada, who moved into the com-

pleted a year ago. plywood and sheet metal is very basic, but spacious and clean compared with anything in the squatter settlements of the

capital.
"If you ask if the social reform agenda is making any impact, everybody will say no," said Lina Laygo, secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development. "But we are talking about social development with a human face, and that's a big breakthrough.

However, it may be that the real impetus yet.'

away, they shake the adjacent shacks, graz- for change will come more from economic ing television antennas and frightening the reform and growth than from social pro-

"We learned that the market is the finest

Wealth distribution in the Philippines has been skewed since the era of Spanish dominion, when land was concentrated in

the hands of a few big families. In more recent years, those families have invested in industries that were cartels or

protected by high tariffs. That is being challenged by the opening up of the economy," said a Western

While rapid economic growth has brought poverty levels down in neighboring countries, including Malaysia and economic tigers like Tuiwan and South Korea, the level of poor in the Philippines, with its

come down at a more modest pace. From 1985 to 1991, the proportion of poor fell by 0.6 percentage points annually. But because of the high birth rate, an extra two million families were actually added to the poverty list, according to the com-

less-than-illustrious economic record, has

mission to fight poverty.

One of the reasons for the high rate of poverty, according to Arsenio Balisacan. an economist at the University of the Philippines, is that the Philippines until recently followed a protectionist trade regime favoring capital-intensive, importsubstituting consumer goods industries.

strategy that tends to penalize laborers. By liberalizing trade and other areas of the economy, the Philippines could now see poverty levels drop just as they have elsewhere in Asia as markets have opened

HOUGH the economic boom has not yet touched Parola, there are a few tentative signs of a turn for the better across the nation.

A survey released recently by the National Statistics Office showed that inflation-adjusted average family income rose 0.6 percent from 1991 to 1994, while total family income grew by 7.2 percent after inflation. According to the figures, the growth mainly benefited the lower income

At the same time, income was slightly more evenly distributed, with the earnings Today, her home of concrete blocks, of the top 10 percent decreasing to 36.1 percent of the total from 37.8 percent. In contrast, government statistics showed the concentration of wealth in the hands of the rich growing during the latter part of the

"There is substantial evidence to indicate they are making a serious effort to address the problem of poverty," said the foreign diplomat. "There is a growing sense that there's reason for optimism even if economic growth hasn't reached the poor

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Building A World Of Difference

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By Steven Brull

EBU, Philippines geoning tourist trade, is out to electricity and sewage treatrecapture its former glory. But ment systems are also strugin its mad dash to get in the game, it risks destroying the natural splendor and peaceful the ability of the government to pace that many tourists seek.

In the 1960s, this country of dards. more than 7,100 islands was draw. Then two decades of political and social turmoil scared ing numbers flocked to Thaiother states with similar attractions: beautiful beaches and by overdevelopment. mountain landscapes and a relaxed, friendly and culturally arguments for developing diverse population.

Now, as the country enjoys rapid economic growth and improved social stability, the government has ambitious plans to hoist the Philippines' tourist industry into the big leagues. From an expected total of some 1.5 million tourist arrivals this year, the government expects 2.5 million to come in 1996, a figure helped along by Manila's role as host that year of the annual conference of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

By 2000, officials hope to welcome 10 million tourists. That would give the Philippines nearly as many as the total drawn by Thailand and Indonesia, the region's top two tourist destinations, in 1995.

"We're so far behind where ve could be," said Eduardo T. Joaquin, general manager of the Philippine Tourism Authority. 'The potential is tremen-

To exploit that potential, the Tourism Authority is seeking more than \$1 billion in investments to develop resorts, golf courses, hotels and basic inacross the archipelago. Private developers are plowing in even more

But the push to develop

tourism comes as a spurt in economic growth has overwhelmed the nation's infrastructure. Roads in Manila and The Philippines, once even smaller regional centers a leader but now a lag- resemble parking lots much of gard in Asia's bur- the day. The nation's water, gling to keep pace. Further strain appears certain to eclipse maintain even today's stan-

Only careful planning Southeast Asia's leading tourist something that has been lacking up until now, Mr. Joaquin acknowledges — will prevent the away tourists, who in increas- Philippines from making the same mistakes as Thailand, land, Indonesia, Malaysia and which saw many of its most exquisite tourist spots spoiled

Nonetheless, there are strong

big increase in tourism would go a long way toward credesperately needed jobs in a country where about 10 percent of the work force is unemployed, and where 800,000 new jobs are needed each year just to keep pace with new entrants to the labor mar-

Even with this year's influx of tourists, the industry indirectly employs some 871,000 persons, or roughly one of nine Filipinos. The trade is expected to bring in some \$2.3 billion, ranking it alongside the remittances of Filipino overseas contract workers and electronics exports as a source of foreign exchange.

The Philippine Tourism Master Plan, which was for-mulated in 1991 with assistance from the United Nations Development Program and the World Tourism Organization, outlines tourist development through the year 2010.

The plan foresees setting up three international gateways in the northern, central and southern regions. The northern region centered on Luzon would visitors coming for business



A beach resort on Panglao Island: The Philippines is trying to boost tourism.

and shopping as well as sun and city's traffic is congested, roads sea; Cebu, the heart of the cen- are rough and water is in chrontral Philippines island group ic short supply due to deforknown as the Visayas, would serve as a gateway for tourists seeking relaxation as well as a tourists in search of exotic wilderness and culture.

In theory, the plan should pose little danger to the environment. But in reality, in a the airport, which is expanding country where the national govemment lacks sufficient funds for infrastructure, there is little choice but to let the private sector lead.

That raises questions about the government's ability to carry out a national tourist development plan that seeks to preserve the Philippines's natural beauty by developing a variety of travel niches, from conventioneers to

ecological pioneers. On Cebu, a central Philippines island that is the primary destination of a third of foreign visitors, 80 percent of them exploit Manila as a gateway for male, developers are going visitors coming for business gangbusters even though the

estation decades ago. Cebu, along with the adjacent island of Mactan, already bit of cultural enlightenment. has more than 3,000 hotel Mindanao in the south would be rooms and four golf courses. positioned as the entry spot for But an additional four golf courses and 3.000 rooms are under construction, including two deluxe casino-hotels and a business convention hotel near its international terminal.

> EBU has become a leading tourist gateway because, in addition to its proximity to Borocay and other top diving spots, the region's powerful economy has helped the city attract direct flights from Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Korea, Australia and

These make Cebu the most convenient gateway for sunand-sand-seeking tourists, allowing them to avoid Manila's STEVEN BRULL is the Tokyo er. congested airport and overcrowded roads.

Smart marketing also was key to bringing in the Japanese, who are the biggest group of visitors. Seeking to sweep aside a dangerous image of the Philippines created by a series of high-profile abductions of Japanese, the island began marketing itself as "Cebu, an island

in the Pacific.' 'Many Japanese landing in Cebu didn't know they were landing in the Philippines,

Mr. Joaquín said. Naturally, local tourism exof new hotels, including many that are part of international chains, will help to market Cebu internationally, thus improving their own businesses.

But they are also aware that further development is bound to erode some of Cebu's charm. As Rhyz O. Buac, resident manager of the Maribago Bluewater Beach Resort on Mactan, put it, "This is always the price of improvement."

correspondent of the Interna-tional Herald Tribunc.

Overseas Labor a 'Sad Fact'

By Jon Lidén

ONG KONG — Jemma Pascual is saving to start a business together with her husband in their neighborhood in Manila. It is not easy planning the new business, however, since Ms. Pascual is 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) from home and 6,000 kilometers from her husband.

Ms. Pascual works as a domestic helper in Hong Kong ers with building projects, taiwhile her husband is a mechanic in Saudi Arabia. The \$500 to \$600 domestic helpers like Ms. Pascual can earn each month in starting salaries for high school graduates and professionals in most jobs in the Philippines.

lower than in Hong Kong, and there would be little chance she would see her husband much anyway, since domestic helpers in many families are often on

call 24 hours a day.
Connie Ominga has spent five years in Hong Kong working as a domestic helper to get her brothers and sisters through school and send money to her mother after her father died several years ago.

Now, all but Ms. Ominga's youngest brother are out of school, and she can save most

of her salary.
Ms. Ominga came to Hong Kong to take over the job from her sister, who got married and moved to Canada.

That is the dream," said Ms. Ominga. "To marry somebody rich and move somewhere else. I don't really want to go back to the Philippines. There are no opportunities there."

Stories like Ms. Ominga's and Ms. Pascual's are common ecutives are hopeful that a spate in the Philippines. Some 3.5 million people out of a population of 67 million, or roughly 5 percent, have gone abroad for

> Last year, nearly \$2.9 billion was sent home from Filipino workers abroad through the banking system, and an estimated \$3 billion more came in as cash or through private remittance companies, according to government statistics. That made labor export the country's largest foreign-exchange earn-

While an increasing share of the funds earned by Filipino tection.

workers abroad are used for investments such as the garage Ms. Pascual and her husband hope to own, most is spent improving the living standards of millions of lower middle class

Houses are built, bathrooms are installed, college education secured and televisions and video players acquired from the toil, the boredom and the loneliness of relatives abroad.

Several real-estate companies even target migrant work-

Wages from Hong Kong are higher than workers abroad help families In Saudi Arabia, salaries are improve their living standards. but often at high personal cost.

> loring payments to the amount of remittances the workers send

> 'Migrant labor has become an integral part of our economy. That is a sad fact," said Alex Pomento, a senior analyst with Barings Securities Philippines. 'But it is an injection of money that goes straight to the lower levels of society.

"Ten years ago, 70 percent of the population lived under the poverty threshold. Now, that figure has been reduced" to around 40 percent, Mr. Pomento said.

Money from migrant laborers helped prevent a serious recession in the Philippines between 1989 and 1992, when hour-long brownouts in the capital were a powerful symbol of a stalling economy.

Economic benefits aside, the personal costs are often excruciatingly high.

Workers tell the same tales over and over: mothers who bring up children of well-to-do families while their own children are left at home; demeaning treatment by employers, especially for domestic workers; work days up to 14 hours long; physical and sexual abuse; and a feeling of being second-class citizens without rights and pro-

Many workers are sacked with no notice for minor mistakes or irritations to their employers. Since visa arrangements are often precarious at best, a loss of job can mean deportation and an abrupt end of livelihood for a whole fam-

Over the past two years, the Philippines has accomplished impressive economic turnaround, with a 4.3 percent growth in gross domestic prod-uct last year and 5 percent growth forecast for this year and the next.

Still, economists do not expect the economy to be able to absorb the migrant work force for at least another 15 years.

"It will take some time," Pomento acknowledged. "Still. look at countries like Malaysia, It took little more than 10 years to change from an exporter to an importer of labor."

The unemployment rate in the Philippines was 8.8 percent in July, and in addition, there is a considerable amount of underemployment among the rural population.

"I would expect the first people to come home to be the entrepreneurs, who have saved a bit of money and will invest this in the Philippines if the economy keeps growing," said Caroline Kabigting, vice pres-ident for Research at Peregrine Securities Philippines.

UT to add to the difficulty of the situation, many overseas workers who do come home after several years away find that their problems have just begun.

The stress of separation can lead to broken families, as spouses and parents who have been absent for as much as a decade find they have trouble reintegrating themselves with the life they left behind.

Moreover, workers who have provided a comfortable income for their families during their time abroad may not be welcomed home if that means that the flow of money has dried up.

Filipinos acknowledge the problem but for now see little alternative. "It is a sad thing, this story of migrant labor,"
Mr. Pomento said. "We do not want it, but we need it."

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An Increasingly Secular Society Church Influence Wanes in Public and Private Life

By Vaudine England

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ANILA — The role of the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines is drenched in myth and shrouded in paradox. While no one disputes that more than as Catholics, there is tremendous variation of opinion as to what it means to be

This year's visit by Pope John Paul II to Manila garnered the biggest crowds seen for a papal visit in years, but a resounding majority of Filipino Catholics vote for politicians who advocate family planning.

Members of the Catholic Church say there is a growing shortage of priests in the Philippines, mainly because of the celibary requirement. Many younger, politicized priests say this is an irrelevant and unnecessary doctrine, adding they can serve their communities just as well, if not better,

Surveys also show that several million Filipinos have a decidedly more liberal attitude towards abortion that the church would like to see. One pollster says that not only are officials perceived as supportive of family planning more likely to be re-elected, but that opponents of family planning are in danger of losing re-election bids.

As for the supposed existence of a Catholic voting bloc, that myth has been disproved again and again. The clearest indication of this was the election of Fidel V. Ramos, a Protestant, as president in

Cardinal Jaime Sin, the archbishop of Manila, had tried to exert his power by endorsing several other candidates. His favorite, Ramon Mitra, finished near the bot-

In another example of waning church influence, Juan Flavier, President Ramos's former health secretary and a dynamic advocate of the use of condoms for contraception and protection against the AIDS virus, was recently elected to the Senate. Analysts think Mr. Flavier fell from toppolling position to fourth because of church opposition to him, but no juggling of numbers can dent his widespread popularity.

A more recent attempt to demonstrate church power was the rally called by Car-dinal Sin in August 1994 to protest positions being taken at the Cairo conference on population.

"He got a frightening number of people on the streets," said a priest who did not wish to be identified. "But that's because it racks. , was portrayed as a loyalty test. Lots of us who didn't agree with the issue went along with it. When the chips are down, we don't want to see the cardinal embarrassed on this, as it might weaken his clout on other

stems from history. Although Spanish col-onizers imposed Roman Catholicism on the archipelago for centuries, historians concur that the faith spread fastest in areas where it meshed most with native faiths and rituals — implying that, in religion as 80 percent of Filipinos identify themselves in other matters, Filipinos followed their own minds.

> More recently, the church played a pivotal role in the downfall in 1986 of the military dictatorship of President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

> Father John Carroll, director of the Institute on Church and Social Issues at Ateneo University, recalls that in the beginming of martial law in 1972, there was "perfect agreement on the view that Marcos and the Communists were the only options, so the church was polarized between the two."

> But as human rights abuses intensified, and with the killing of opposition leader Benigno Aquino in 1983, the church was galvanized into action, taking the lead in organizing Mr. Aquino's funeral, prayer rallies and marches.

> The church also was a prime mover behind the establishment of the independent vote-protection organization, Namfrel, and behind important alternative media such as Radio Veritas and the Veritas weekly news magazine. Church members mobilized nationwide to protect the ballot, and they largely succeeded: For instance, computer technicians who walked out of the rigged Marcos vote-count operation were hidden at Ateneo University the first night of their defiance.

The church was in the middle, validifying the movement, sheltering it. The church was walking with the people," recalls Father Carroll.

Perhaps the church's finest political hour came when Cardinal Sin went on the air in February 1986 to call the masses into the streets in defense of what was at that stage still a military coup. Millions of Filipinos rushed to Manila's army camps along the highway called EDSA, where the rebel generals, including Mr. Ramos, were calling on Mr. Marcos to step down.

"The remarkable thing is not that Sin called the people out, but that the people came out." says Father Carroll.

But soon after the restoration of democracy under President Corazon C. Aquino, the majority of Filipinos wanted the church to get back out of politics much as they wanted soldiers to get back into their bar-

"EDSA '86 was a special circumstance and soon after, the people wanted the church back in the cloisters, out of politics," Father Carroll says.

A lot of the confusion about the power of any potential threat to democracy. Among the Catholic Church in the Philippines the socially involved clergy, family planning is a less important issue than the need to guard against future attempts at dictatorship.

> The possibility of such attempts may seem remote, but observers point out that pockets of political and social conservatism remain, especially among lowerincome followers of grass-roots religious

> Charismatic and "magical" churches such as the Jesus Miracle Crusade or El Shaddai, generally right-wing and morally conservative, gain adherents among the disadvantaged through bold claims of faith

> healing and overnight riches. Members of Iglesia Ni Kristo, another home-grown church, vote as a bloc and consistently back Marcos family members. but as church members comprise less than percent of the population their influence is limited: For example, they failed to get the late dictator's son, Ferdinand "Bong Bong" Marcos, elected to the Senate this

> In fact, there is evidence that even the influence of the Catholic Church in Philippine politics may be distorted simply by the fact that Cardinal Sin is in Manila, the seat of government. This makes him more accessible to the media and gives him a louder voice on national affairs, but it does not mean he carries extra weight within the government — or even the church itself.

Catholic dioceses in the Philippines nearly match the provincial divisions, and each diocese has a bishop of equal rank to Cardinal Sin in the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, the umbrella organization of the church hierarchy. Each bishop is relatively autonomous with very

close to total power in his own diocese. Father Carroll says that while the church's influence may be felt in national policy discussions in Manila, swaying the views of the masses is a different story.

"I go to the Payatas garbage dump, where there are a lot of rural migrants, to give mass every Sunday," he says. "There is a focus on the rosary, but not a sacramental religiosity. Church marriage, for example, they see as a treat for the middle classes. Baptism is much more important. One day I baptized 24 kids, but only one couple among the parents was actually married.

The same applies to family planning. What comes out very clearly is a broad support for the availability of family planning information and services, and the view that the government must not coerce people either way. Many people don't see it as a moral issue. They don't even know the church position.

A survey in 1991 by The Social Weather



Nuns in Manila: Roughly 80 percent of the nation is Catholic, but the church's influence is waning.

family planning usage in the Philippines is relatively poor agricultural country, more church-organized Natural Family Planning due to the 'dominance of the Catholic children means more labor in the fields and religion,' says Mahar Mangahas, head of more security in old age. the organization.

Instead, the survey found that Filipinos do not feel strongly restricted from using family planning methods, either by the rules of their religion, by the teaching they comes to sexual practices. Although women received in school, or by the advice given by their physicians.

church does allow. For instance, on the issue of female sterilization, only 21 percent of respondents aware that procedures such as tubal ligations were forbidden by the church.

The study showed that neither religious denomination, nor frequency of going to church, nor intensity of religious belief make much of an impact on Filipino family planning attitudes.

The question then becomes, what does? One factor, unquestionably, is economic A lasting legacy of those times, how- Station, a polling organization, disputes the circumstances. The majority of Filipinos parish priests to avoid taking the initiative VAUDINE ENGLAND is a journalist

Gender artitudes also play a role. As in many traditional societies, women in the Philippines generally lack the power to say "no" to their husbands, especially when it do most of the hard work to support their families, sexual relations remain bound by Filipinos also were shown to have a old ideas of machismo. For example, many fairly low understanding of what the men use condoms with prostitutes but refuse to do so with their wives, presumably because it would sully their idealized vision of a wife as a "good" woman.

Then there are folk beliefs, which still hold tremendous sway in some areas. Father Carroll cites the example of gaba, a word in the Visayan dialect spoken across the central Philippines that implies the dire consequences visited upon anyone who uses contraception or otherwise breaks the central Philippines that implies the dire simply, that they are all Filipinos, "Mr. Mangahas says. "What the data describe is, essentially, the Filipino sense of morality, with tradition.

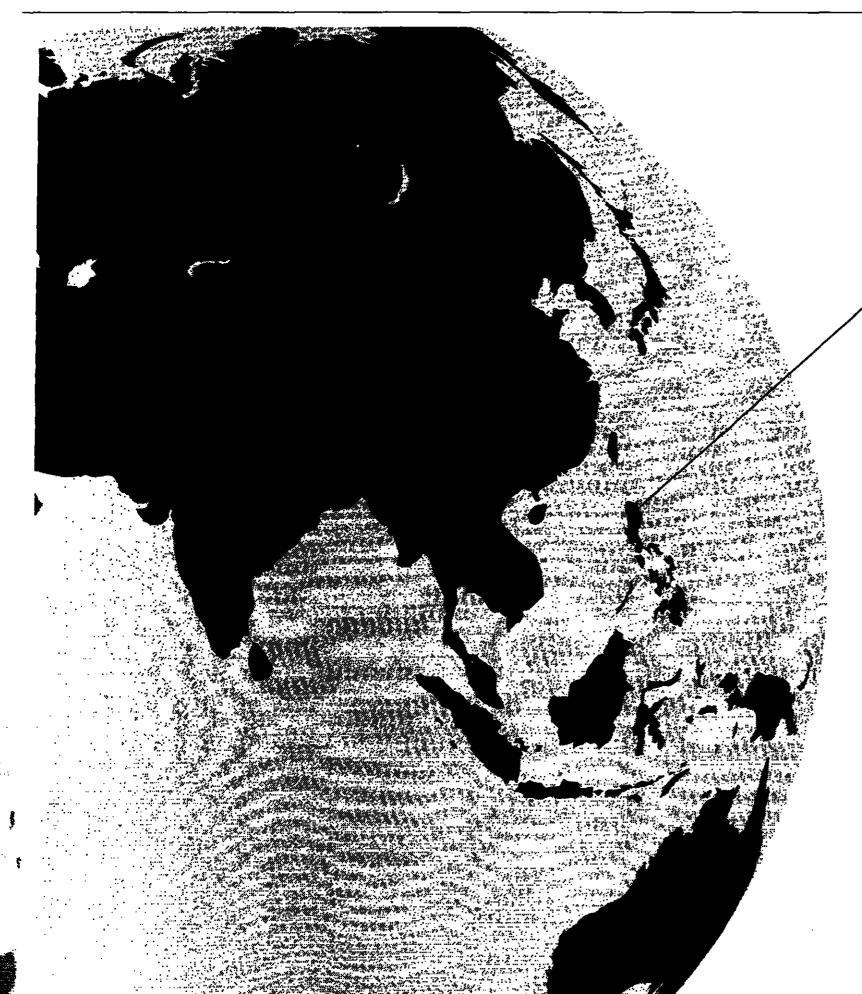
Combined, these factors lead some ever is increased political awareness of common view that the relatively low rate of live in the countryside. As in any other on social issues. For instance, if there is no based in Hong Kong.

program in an area, then "the priests and nuns on the ground feel they shouldn't talk about it." Father Carroll says. "Most priests won't raise it, as they don't want to

put people in an impossible situation." Mr. Mangahas has another theory. "The argument on the government's family planning program is going on mainly in elite circles." he says. "At the grass-roots level, however, I don't think there is much

He adds that Catholics and non-Catholics in the Philippines hold such similar views on family-planning issues that religion becomes almost an incidental factor.

"It seems to me that the reaon why Filipino Catholics and Filipino non-Catholics have similar views on family planning is. rather than any religious sense of it."



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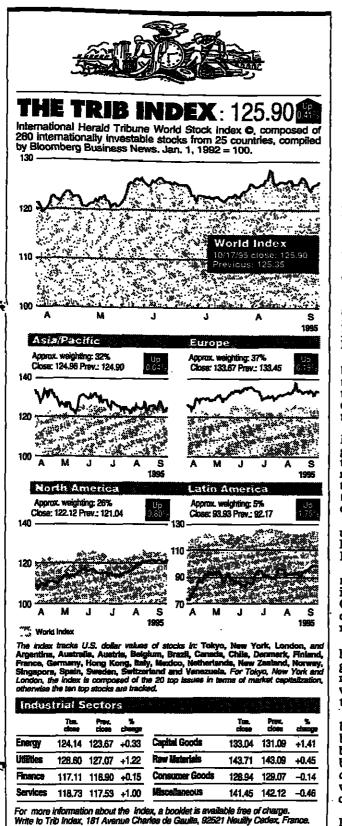
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Deficit Flap Causes U.S. To Cut Size Of Bill Sale

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Treasury said Tuesday it would reduce the size of its Treasury bill auction next week because of congressional delays in extending the nation's \$4.9

The Treasury said it would only offer \$6 billion in threemonth Treasury bills next week, about half the usual amount. It also is suspending applications from states and municipalities for securities that help finance local government.

"This suspension is necessary because Congress has not acted to increase the debt limit and the Treasury must plan to avoid exceeding the current limit," the government said.

Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin said in a letter to congressional Republican leaders that, unless they promptly raised the ceiling on how much the government could borrow, there would be more and costlier disruptions

"Because of Congress's fail-ure to act, such disruptions have now begun to occur," Mr. Rubin said.

Mr. Rubin said the govern-ment would run out of borrowing authority a few days after Oct. 31 and faced the possibility of default unless Congress raised the debt limit.

If it is unable to raise funds by selling new securities, the government will be forced to rely on available cash balances, which will quickly be used up in the first few days of November.

Concern about the budget briefly pulled the price of the benchmark 30-year Treasnry bond into negative territory, but prices rebounded when that concern was supplanted by a weaker-than-expected report on retail sales.

The long bond closed up 11/32 point at 107 31/32, with See TREASURY, Page 20

Losing Sleep Over Tokyo? But Fed Help May Spotlight Banks' Woes

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO - When international bankers have nightmares these days, they have nothing to do with goblins or ghosts but with the liquidity of the Japanese banking system.

Bankers here say that plans by American authorities to pour emergency funds into the Japanese banking system in the event of a crisis will help banking executives sleep better. Bankers say that the plan will ease concerns over lack of liquidity, the ability to settle debts when they come due, but they add that the underlying problems remain a longterm challenge.

"This is sort of like a nuclear deterrent," S. David Snoddy, a bank analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities Tokyo, said of the bail-out plan. "The reason you have it is so you never have to use it. It's designed to reassure the

But the involvement of the Federal Reserve Bank also has a downside: It may be bringing more attention to the liquidity problems in Japanese banks.

While analysts praise the rescue plan which was disclosed Monday and would infuse funds into Japanese banks if they ran out of money — they also warned that Japan's financial system is still stuck with several practical problems. These include hundreds of billions of dollars worth of bad debts, chronic dollar shortages, higher costs for their overseas money, and a dim outlook.

In the past few weeks, for instance, some Japanese institutional investors have grown so concerned that they are looking for ways to take out insurance to protect themselves from from trading in New York.

plunge in the value of the bank stocks they hold, according to bankers here. Japanese financial institutions often hold large blocks of stocks in banks with whom they have close ties or cross-shareholdings.

Selling these holdings is not feasible because this would not only offend the banks but also send prices plummeting. So the Japanese institutional investors are taking the unusual step of quietly, almost secretly, inquiring about buying put options against the bank whose stock they hold. A put option is a bet that the underlying stock will fall within a certain time frame; its value soars when the

Some of the puts are for periods as long as three years. That suggests that the purchasers believe it will be several years before the banks are out of the woods.

Their concern no doubt arises from what they see: Not only are weaker Japanese institutions tapping stronger banks for dollars, but they have to pay a "Japan premium" when they borrow funds abroad. Indeed, some banks are finding that borrowing is now so expensive for them that they can get dollars more cheenly be taking the first of the strong that they can get dollars. more cheaply by taking their yen deposits and running to the foreign exchange markets to convert them to dollars.

In other cases, banks are finding that their credit lines have been trimmed, so that they cannot borrow funds abroad at any price.

The last few months have been trying for the Japanese financial system, which has seen the failure of five financial institutions in the last year, two in the last month, disappointing ratings by Moody's Investors Service, and the disclosure of a colossal loss at Daiwa Bank

Microsoft Net Surges 58% and Raises Stocks

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - In an earnings report that could revive Wall Street's waning romance with the computer industry, Microsoft Corp. Tuesday esti-mated that 7 million copies of its Windows 95 operating sys-tem had been sold and that the company's revenue had in-

creased by 62 percent.
The entire industry had been waiting for the figures, which were at the high end of most analysts' expectations, to judge whether the new system was selling strongly enough to help stimulate the rest of the com-puter industry through sales of the advanced computers it de-mands and the software to match it. Microsoft said at least 400 new applications had been desgined around the program.

The Redmond, Washington. company announced recordquarterly revenue of \$2.02 bil-lion, with net profit of \$499 million, up from \$316 million a year earlier. That meant earnings per share of 78 cents, 58 percent higher than the same quarter last year and comfortably above the average forecast of 70 cents a share.

Microsoft's products are installed in all but about 15 per-cent of the world's computers, and Brad Silverberg, head of Microsoft's personal systems division, said the 7 million copies of the latest system had either been sold, about 3 million outright for users to up-grade their own computers, or installed in new computers sold to customers. The company stressed that it was counting only units sold, and not those merely in delivered to retail out-

But Microsoft Corp. warned that revenue in the company's next quarter may not increase as quickly as in the quarter just ended, Bloomberg Business News reported from Redmond. Mike Brown, Microsoft's chief financial officer, said the boost from Windows 95 in the quarter ended Sept. 30 may be hard to beat in the quarter ending in December.]

Windows 95 was introduced on Aug. 24 in eight languages; eight more will soon be available, and Japanese versions which in the past have taken up to two years - will be manufac-tured within a few weeks.

Microsoft stock, still almost See STOCKS, Page 20

Smaller North American Loss Helps GM Earnings

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. said Tuesday its third-quarter earnings rose 16 percent from a year earlier as it narrowed its losses in its North American production division and benefited from strength from its nonautomotive

nue rose to \$37.46 billion from \$34.51

in the quarter, narrowed from its loss of \$363 million in the third quarter of 1994. GM's Electronic Data Systems Inc. was the strongest performer of the com-We're especially pleased with the

American operations, which more than accounted for our overall year-over-year increase," said John F. Smith Jr., the subsidiaries.

The largest U.S. automaker earned \$642 million for the July-September quarter, up from \$552 million, as revenulation in the quarter. Despite the stron-

ger-than-expected performance, the automaker's shares closed unchanged at The company's North American \$46.50 on the New York Stock Exautomotive unit had a loss of \$93 million change.

pany's nonantomotive units, posting net continued improvement in our North income of \$245.7 million, up nearly 14 percent. Revenue in that division rose to \$3.1 billion from \$2.56 billion.

The automaker's Hughes Electronics Corp. saw earnings rise 5 percent, to \$256.1 million, on gains in its automotive electronics and aerospace business. General Motors Acceptance Corp., GM's financing arm, had net income of \$254 million, up from \$245 million, on down from \$246 million a year ago. strength in its financing operations, including mortgages.

GM's international operations earned \$111 million in the quarter, down from \$232 million a year earlier, but showed a pretax loss of \$117 million because of startup costs for a new Opel model in Europe, exchange-rate movements and higher material costs in Latin America, Mr. Smith said.

For the remainder of GM's International Operations, including Latin American Operations and Asia-Pacific Operations, net income totaled \$209 million,

(AP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

MEDIA MARKETS

Book Buzz: Foreign Rights

By Mary B.W. Tabor

RANKFURT — Just before 10:00 A.M. on the opening morning of Frankfurt's annual book fair, Marcella Berger took a last sip of coffee from her plastic foam cup, armed herself with a smile and greeted the two Italian editors waiting to discuss Simon & Schuster's coming

books.
"How about the Hillary Clinton book?" asked Paolo Zaninoni, an editor from RCS Editori SpA, the Italian publisher better known as Rizzoli.

"Want to buy it?" volleyed Ms. Berger, a 20-year veteran of the fair and the director of subsidiary rights for Simon & Schuster, a unit of Viacom Inc. She started in with a detailed description of selling points for "It Takes a Village," Mrs. Clinton's book about raising

"Cute, very cute," Mr. Zaninoni said, looking at the jacket design. "We're interested."

A colleague of Ms. Berger's from Simon & Schuster, Karen Weitzman, found herself surrounded by 14 Japanese publishers.

"No baseball books, please," whispered one publisher. She smiled and nodded: "OK,

no baseball. No golf."

Ms. Weitzman went back to her list. She held up the bound galleys for "Will the Real Women ... Please Stand Up!" by Ella Patterson. "This is a sex manual for women," Ms. Weitzman said slowly. The Japanese nodded quietly and scribbled notes.
"An explicit sex manual for women," she

added, scanning for a response. One woman giggled and said: "We already publish a sex ide for men. It's "The Joy of Sex." On Friday, one of the publishers bought the Jap-

anese rights to Ms. Patterson's book. Sales of foreign rights, the focus of this sprawling international fair, are brisk, spurred by the continued opening of new markets and a growing appetite for American books. Fiction sells everywhere, with publishers hoping to snag best-sellers that will sell in translation at ome. Business and New Age books have also

U.S. publishers can pick up hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars in revenue from sales of foreign rights. This extra revenue can make a marked difference in a title's profitability, as it is usually applied against the out-of-pocket expense of an author's advance. In the case of General Colin Powell, for

example, Random House paid \$6.5 million for his memoir, "My American Journey," and recovered more than \$1 million in foreignrights sales alone. Rights to the book sold well

in several countries, among them Germany, Ispan, England and Italy.

So lucrative is the foreign-rights market that literary agents are increasingly reluctant to sell an author's foreign rights wholesale to the initial publisher. Instead they parcel them out country by country to pull in extra money and commissions. John Grisham's foreign rights, for example, have been sold in this way

"Foreign-rights sales are very, very impor-tant," said Alberto Vitale, chairman of Ran-See BOOKS, Page 24

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

New Team, **New Profit** At Banesto

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche MADRID — Banco Español de Credito SA, or Banesto, said Tuesday it returned to profitability in the first nine months of the year after aggressive loanrecovery measures by its new owner, Banco Santander SA.

Banesto reported a net profit of 16.55 billion pesetas (\$135.2 million) for the nine months. Analysts said the earnings were in line with expectations, leaving the bank on course to reach its goal of a 20 billion peseta profit for the year.

The figure was not directly comparable with a year-earlier loss of 16.42 billion pesetas because of a reorganization mandated by Spain's central bank in the wake of its near-collapse. Under Banco Santander which bought Banesto in April 1994, the bank has streamlined operations and improved loan quality, including the recovery of 89 billion pesetas in nonperforming loans during the first

nine months of this year.

Operating costs fell 15.8 percent, to 102.57 billion pesetas. Net interest income was up 31.5 percent, to 99.25 billion

(Bloomberg, AFP)

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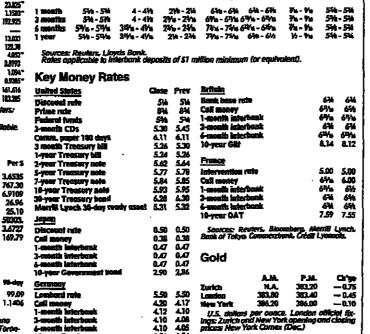


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Music Unit Drags on Time Warner

NEW YORK (AP) - Time Warner Inc. said Tuesday its loss widened in the third quarter as operating profit fell in its troubled music division and it absorbed charges for debt redemption and closing a direct marketing music business.

The world's biggest media and entertainment company posted a loss of \$144 million in the three months ended Sept. 30,

compared with a loss of \$32 million. Revenue for the parent company and its majority-owned enter-tainment and cable venture rose 6 percent, to \$4.3 billion.

New Drugs Increase Profit for Merck

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - Merck & Co. said Tuesday its third-quarter earnings rose 10 percent, paced by strong sales of its newer drugs and growth in its pharmacy benefits

Merck, the biggest drugmaker in the United States, posted net income of \$861.9 million, up from \$784.8 million a year earlier. Revenue rose to \$4.17 billion from \$3.79 billion. Also on Tuesday, Eli Lilly & Co. said its net income surged to

\$1.23 billion from \$318.7 million, helped by a one-time gain of \$917.5 million from the sale of Lilly's medical device units. Revenue rose to \$1.63 billion from \$1.51 billion. (Bloomberg, AFX) • Eastman Kodak Co. said its third-quarter earnings rose 33 percent, to \$338 million, in the third quarter and that it planned to buy back as much as \$1 billion in common stock.

• Dole Food Co. said it would separate its food business from its real estate and resort operations, giving Dole shareholders stock in the new real estate company. (Bloomberg, AP)

Loan Growth Lifts More U.S. Banks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK - Four more large U.S. banks reported higher third-quarter earnings Tuesday, reflecting growth in loans and fees and lower expenses.

Chemical Banking Corp. said profit rose 9 percent, while Mellon Bank Corp.'s earnings more than doubled. Banc One Corp.'s earnings rose 17 percent, and Wells Fargo & Co. said profit jumped 20 percent.

Citicorp, the parent company of Citibank, the largest U.S. financial institution, saw profit fall 2 percent from a year ago. when it had big tax gains. Factoring out last year's tax benefits, Citicorp said earnings rose 10 percent.

Several other big U.S. banks reported improved profits Monday. Brokerage concerns, meanwhile, contin-

ued to turn in a strong financial performance as Merrill Lynch & Co. said profit rose 30 percent. Chemical Bank, which in late August

announced a \$10 billion stock swap merger with Chase Manhattan Corp., earned \$477 million in the quarter, up from \$439 million in the 1994 period. Chemical said net interest income for

the quarter rose to \$1.19 billion from \$1.17 billion last year.

Citicorp said it earned \$877 million in the quarter, down from \$894 million in the 1994 quarter. Revenue rose to \$4.98 billion from \$4.57 billion, but its expenses rose 7 percent from the year-ago period.

Net interest income rose to \$2.60 billion from \$2.35 billion, while noninterest income rose to \$2.16 billion from \$1.98 billion. Consumer banking profit rose to \$522 million from \$475 million, led by gains in Latin America and other developing regions.

Wells Fargo said its net profit climbed to \$261 million from \$217 million a year ago. The San Francisco-based bank said the increase reflected the lack of a provision for losses on bad loans in the quarter, compared with a \$50 million provision in the year-ago period.

Mellon Bank's net profit rose to \$175 million from \$78 million a year ago, when the bank took charges related to its acquisition of Dreyfus Corp.

Mellon said its net interest income rose 4 percent, to \$392 million, helped by an 11 percent increase in its loans outstanding. Noninterest revenue rose 10 percent, with

STOCKS: Microsoft Sparks Rally

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\$20 below its high for the year, rose in after-hours trading from \$91.125 to \$93.50 on the news, having added \$4.375 during the day in anticipation of the re-

Most other computer stocks gained during the day but were swimming upstream rather than nising in spectacular fashion. Fund managers who have depended on computer stocks for most of the energy in their portfolios this year despite signs that the industry can no longer

U.S. Stocks

expect the shooting-star growth

of this or previous years. Wall Street was at first less than satisfied with International Business Machines Corp., which announced early Tuesday it had almost doubled its earnings, to \$1.3 billion, or \$2.30 a share, before taking a one-time charge of \$1.8 billion for its widely applauded pur-chase of Lotus Development Corp.

That move by the world's largest computer manufacturer moved it into the fast-growing field of network software but also moved its accounts temporarily back into the red.

PepsiCo, based in Purchase, New York, But that was not what dissaid revenue was up 8.5 percent, to \$7.7 turbed Wall Street, which lives billion, on U.S. beverage sales growth of more than 5 percent in the quarter. on expectations as much as on the published record. Even IBM Chairman Louis Gerstner Sales growth in soft drinks also boosted third-quarter earnings at Coca-Cola Enteradmitted that hardware sales prises Inc., the world's largest bottler of Coca-Cola Co. products. The Atlantawere disappointing because its factories, especially in Europe. based company reported a 38 percent rise could not move fast enough to in net profit, to \$36 million, on sales that supply customers with new servers for the networks.

(AP, Reuters, Bloomberg) Although total revenue of \$16.8 billion was 9 percent higher than in the third quarter last year, sales of computers and equipment were virtually unchanged at \$7.75 billion. The dollar, meanwhile, They had posted double-digit report on retail sales by the months, failed to generate slipped against other major curpercentage gains during the rencies as investors continued to buy Deutsche marks as a

first half of the year. Moreover, three of the nine haven from political turmoil in percentage points in gains came from a weaker dollar, which may not be repeated in coming

> The slowdown in hardware sales hit IBM's stock, which at first dropped almost \$3 a share but then recovered to close up \$2.875 at \$96.875.

The stock market took a simi-

larly cautious view of Intel Corp. even though late Monday it reported a 46 percent gain in third-quarter revenue to \$931 million, which at first glance seemed to return the world's largest microprocessor manufacturer to its role as the industry's shooting star powered by

sales of its new Pentium chip. Intel's stock closed up \$2.375 at \$65.50, less than might have been expected considering that its earnings were at the high end of most expectations.

The stock is actually selling for much less than the company's book value, and one reason, according to William J. Milton Jr. of Brown Brothers Harriman, is that the computer business is still a new one and seen as commercially risky.

Still searching for supernovas, fund managers bid up the stock of Sun Microsystems by \$9.25 a share to \$67.875 after the leading supplier of network computers reported Mondal that it more than doubled its quarterly earnings to 85 cents a share, 20 cents higher than analysts had predicted.

■ Earnings Buoy Stocks

U.S. stocks rose and the Nasdaq Composite Index posted its biggest gain in a week as investors anticipated rising profits from technology companies. Bloomberg Business News re-

Earnings are working out just fine," said Timothy Morris. chief investment strategist at Bessemer Trust Co. "What we find, not without exception, is the earnings continue to be

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 11.56 points to 4,795.94, only a few points below its Sept. 14 record of 4,801.8. The Nasdaq Composite Index, dominated by Microsoft and Intel, climbed 17.31 to 1.035.44.

Kodak jumped 2% to 59% after reporting that third-quarter net income surged to 99 cents a share, higher than analysts' estimate of 93 cents and last year's 57 cents. Strongerthan-expected earnings were announced by Sprint, which rose 4 to 36, and GTE, which advanced 11/4 to 401/4.

Big Food and Drink Firms Report Gains

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK - Three big U.S. food and beverage companies reported strong third-quarter earnings gains Tuesday on increases in worldwide sales and improved productivity.

Philip Morris Cos.' net profit climbed 16.5 percent, to \$1.43 billion, led by strong sales of Mariboro and its other cigarette brands around the world.

Philip Morris is the world's biggest cigarette maker and a leading food company with brands including Maxwell House coffee, Jell-O desserts, Kool-Aid powdered drinks and Kraft cheese

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The New York-based conglomerate said earnings rose 20 percent for the third quarworldwide revenue slipped to \$16.69 billion from \$16.71 billion for the quarter, but that sales would be up 6.7 percent if businesses sold in the past year were excluded.

The company's worldwide tobacco business posted a 15.5 percent increase in operating income, while international tobacco operating earnings rose 18.6 percent, elped by favorable currency movements. Philip Morris said its food business had

percent increase in operating profit on a 4 percent rise in revenue.

PepsiCo Inc., whose interests include soft drinks, snack foods and restaurants, said

tors took heart from a weekly tember, the first decline in five

Johnson Redbook Service that much bond-buying enthusiasm.

showed sales so far this month. The drop was caused by a 5.4

rose 12 percent, to \$272 million. TREASURY: Budget Dispute Spurs Cut in Size of Weekly Bill Auction

trailing last month's pace by 1.9 percent decrease in utility out-Foreign Exchange

spending could spur the Federal Reserve Board to lower interput as the use of electricity est rates to stimulate economic slowed from an unusually hot August.

But a government report Traders instead focused on showing a 0.2 percent drop in the 0.2 percent increase in fac- francs from 1.1545 francs. industrial production in Sep- tory output shown in the report. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AP, AFX)

In late trading, the dollar fell to 1.4143 DM from 1.4240 DM Monday and to 100.45 yen from 100.63 yen. It slipped to 4.9660 French francs from 4.9665

francs and to 1.1483 Swiss

France and Italy. ·

the biggest portion of the increase coming

from mortgage-servicing fees, which rose

from \$283 million a year ago. The bank

said that income was held back by an

increase in its provision for bad loans by

age house, said its profit rose to \$300.3

million in the quarter from \$231.6 million

in last year's third quarter. Sales rose to

cent, to \$829 million, while revenue from

investment banking rose 44 percent, to \$354

million. (Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg, AP)

General Electric Co.'s third-quarter prof-

The company earned \$1.61 billion in the

■ Financial Services Lift GE's Profit

it rose 18 percent, helped by strong results in its financial services and NBC television

network divisions. The Associated Press re-

quarter, up from \$1.36 billion a year ago, as revenue rose 19 percent, to \$17.34 bil-

lion. Sales rose at 11 of GE's 12 businesses.

with six achieving double-digit increases.

ter, to \$616.9 million, boosted by big gains

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Revenue from commissions rose 23 per-

Merrill Lynch, the largest U.S. broker-

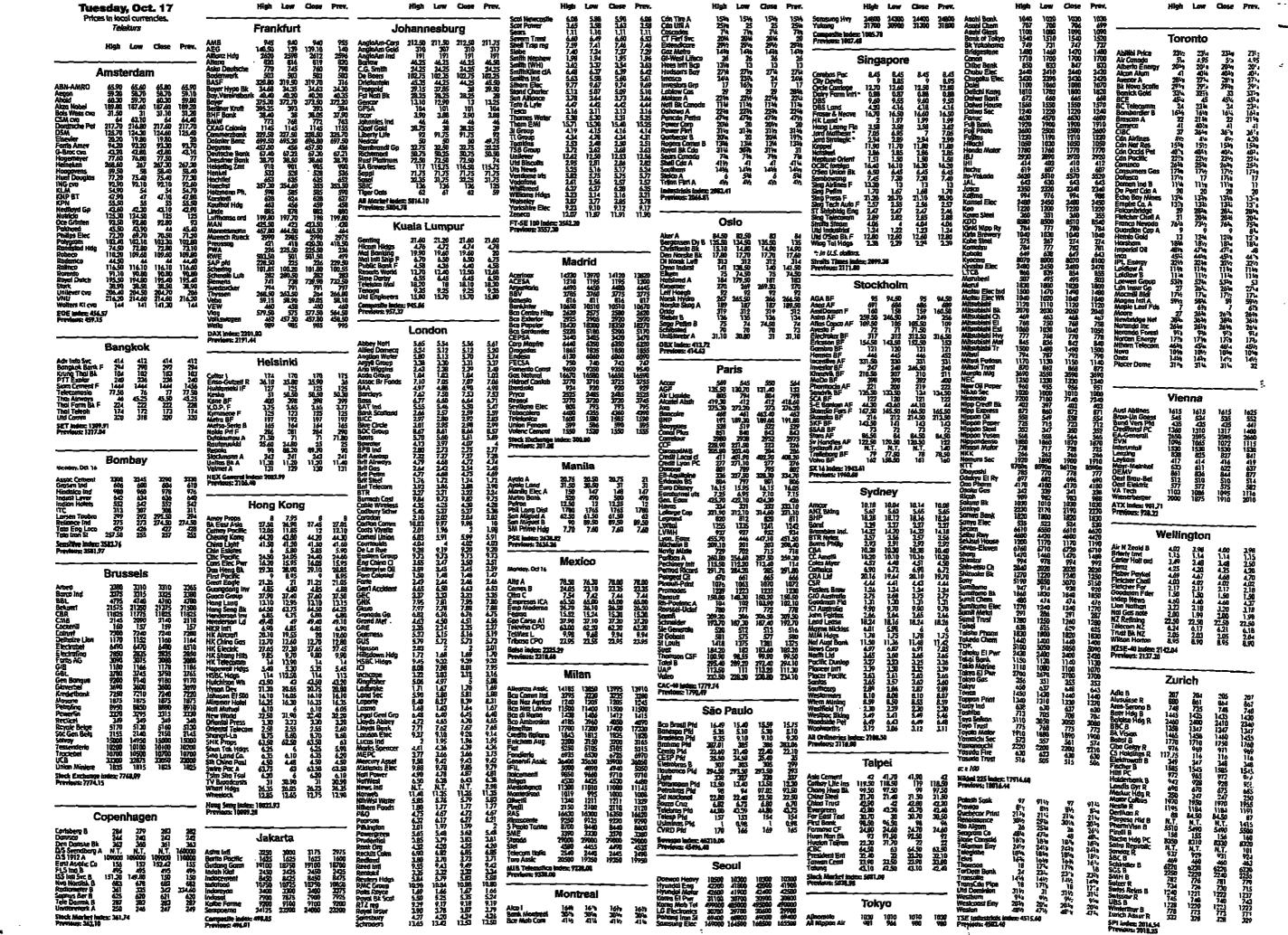
Banc One said it earned \$331 million, up

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS



EUROPE

Statoil Tops Arco In Takeover Bid For Aran Energy

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposches fered Tuesday to pay 198 million Irish punts (\$318 million) for the oil explorer Aran Energy PLC, topping a hostile bid from Statoil said.
Atlantic Richfield Co. Arco Irisl

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The bid by Norway's stateowned oil company is part of its decided not to raise its offer for effort to expand beyond the petroleum-rich Norwegian waters and indicates rising expectations for largely unexplored areas on the Atlantic Ocean's Eucompany said.

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"If Statoil's bid is accepted, it will strengthen the company's activities in England and Ire-

Management Is Reshuffled At Grand Met

LONDON — Grand Metropolitan PLC said Tuesday it would reorganize its senior management and name Chief Executive George J. Bull as chairman when Lord Sheppard retires March 1.

The food and drinks company said John McGrath, currently chairman and chief executive of the company's International Distillers & Vintners division, would succeed Mr. Bull as chief executive.

David Nash, chairman and chief executive of the company's food division, which includes the giant U.S. unit Pillsbury Co., is to resign from the company Jan. 31 and to leave Grand Met's board immediately.

Since Lord Sheppard said in February that he would retire, the British press has speculated about a struggle for the position of chief executive. Mr. Nash and Mr. McGrath were the top contenders for the job, and it had been expected that the one not chosen would resign.

LONDON - Statoil A/S of- access to important exploration areas in the highly interesting areas in the Atlantic margin, west of Shetland and Ireland,"

> Arco Irish Holdings, part of Atlantic Richfield, said it had

> "It is not in the interests of Arco stockholders to increase

company said. Statoil said it would offer 76 Irish pence a share in cash, equivalent to 77.7 British pence for each London share or \$33.66 for each of Aran's American depositary receipts, 12 percent more than Arco's offer of 68 Irish pence a share.

In London, where most of Aran's shares are traded, the stock finished at 78.75 pence (\$1.25), up 3 pence.

Analysts said the price in London was higher than the Statoil offer because some investors were betting that Arco would raise its bid. The market closed before Arco announced it would not do so.

Aran welcomed the emerence of Statoil as an alternative to the Arco offer it had rejected. But Aran stopped short of recommending the offer and advised investors to hold onto their stock.

"We are pleased by the developments, but we want to hear what Arco has to say before we comment further," said Michael Whelan, chairman of Aran.

Aran has said an independent petroleum consultant val-ued the oil company's assets at 104 Irish pence a share. Statoil said its directors were

sorry that the board of Aran did not feel able to recommend this generous offer. Arco had said it would reduce its bid to 66 Irish pence if Aran went ahead with a pro-

posed joint venture with Statoil

to develop an oil field west of Ireland called Connemara. Aran, which now owns all rights to Connemara, plans to sell Statoil 47.5 percent of the project in exchange for \$18.6 million in project financing and

technical assistance.

(Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, AFX)

Ford to Expand in Wales

LONDON - Ford Motor Co. said Tuesday it would invest £340 million (\$535 million) at its Bridgend engine factory in South Wales, doubling production and creating 480 jobs.

The automaker said as many as 1,000 jobs may be created as the "ripple effect" generated further work for component makers and suppliers. It said the investment would take Ford's commitment to British operations this year past the \$1 billion mark.

Ford Chairman Alexander J. Trouman said Bridgend would be churning out 550,000 Zetec engines — the kind used in the new Fiesta model - once expansion of Bridgend was complete in mid-1998. The factory currently employs 1,300 workers and turns out about half a

"The U.K. is one of the most important production centers for Ford worldwide, and our plants have improved their reliability and competi-

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - Spain's effort

to broker a compromise on Eu-

ropean television-program im-

ports appeared to have failed

Tuesday, appealing neither to a

protectionist France nor to an

anti-quota bloc of northern

The lack of support for the Spanish proposal essentially

ruled out a breakthrough at an

informal meeting of culture ministers to be held in Madrid

on Thursday and Friday, Enro-

"The ideological divide in the Council of Ministers is as

strong as ever," one British offi-

The Spanish government cir-

culated a compromise proposal

to EU capitals in advance of the

The proposal essentially

would have preserved a loophole

in program quotas by allowing

governments to seek exemption

from requirements that stations

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ministerial meeting.

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tive position considerably in recent years," Mr. Trouman

"If the rate of progress continues, there is a bright future for Ford's British operations." The other main contender for the expansion had been

'If the progress continues, there is a bright future for Ford's British operations.'

Alexander J. Trotman, Ford chairman

Ford's Spanish base in Valencia, where Zetec engines are aiready made.

Mr. Trotman, who will also oversee the British launch of the Ford Fiesta at the London motor show this week, praised British workers' ability to ensure "a reliable supply quality products at increasingly competitive cost." Ford is to get £10 million (\$15.8 million) in aid from

EU Compromise on TV Quotas Fails

programming quota if they in-

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A representative of the

Britain, Germany and the

Netherlands, however, have

hardened their stance, insisting that quotas be abolished rather

than kept on the books in a

Spain is pressing for a solution

by the time of a formal ministeri-

tion being adopted this year.

■ Phone Monopolies to End

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French government said Paris would look favorably on the

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20 and has raised the prospect of many said his country's alterna-

first licenses in 1997, Reuters and Deutsche Telekom AG.

Welsh authorities, subject to approval by the European ommission in Brussels.

But this promise of a "sweetener" from public coffers seemed to have less impact on the decision, according to Garel Rhys, a professor of motor-industry research at Cardiff Business School, than the general lure of Britain as a European base for car manu-

"It's basic industrial attractiveness, not just govern-ment grants," Mr. Rhys said.

In July, Ford announced that Jaguar, the British luxury carmaker it bought in 1990, would spend £400 million building a car in Britain it called the X200 with which it hoped to compete with BMW, Mercedes and other luxury models.

At that time, Ford was promised £80 million in central and local government funding to help with the project. Ford also said in April it was investing £200 million on diesel engine production at its Dagenham plant east of Lon-

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Audi Sales Rose 30% In First 9 Months

INGOLSTADT, Germany Audi AG, the luxury car unit of Volkswagen AG, said Tuesday its sales rose 29.8 percent in the first nine months of the year and repeated a prediction that its profit would double this year.

The carmaker said sales in the first nine months rose to 12,3 billion Deutsche marks (\$8.64 billion) from 9.5 billion DM in the like 1994 period.

Audi tied its expectations of a doubling in profit to a 20.9 percent surge in deliveries, especially for its A4 sedans. The company earned 187 million DM in 1994.

"With a high degree of probability, our pretax profits will be more than double 1994's level," the automaker said.

Worldwide deliveries of new Audi models rose 20.9 percent in the mine months, to 339,237 units from 280,483 a year earlier. Deliveries to all major markets increased.

In Germany, deliveries rose 36.7 percent from January through September, and those Western Europe excluding Ger-

many, they rose 5.4 percent. In an article based on a draft In Germany, Audi's market share grew to 6.3 percent in the unions for consultation, Le Monde said France would imfirst nine months from 5 percent a year earlier, Audi said. pose no restrictions on Europe-Production rose 29 percent, to an telecommunications opera-

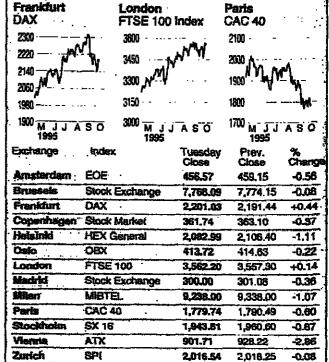
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The company's higher sales volume has helped shield it from the burden of currency fluctuations that resulted in losses for other German carmakers this year, a spokesman said.

Audi also repeated predicons that group sales would rise by around 20 percent and delivmeeting in Brussels on Nov. ter Wolfgang Boetsch of Geran extraordinary meeting in De-tive telecommunications

cember. But EU officials said networks should be fully open they saw little chance of legisla- to competition by July 1, 1996, Some 379,038 engines were built at the company's Ingol-AFX News reported from Mustadt plant in the period from January to September, com-pared with 391,836 a year earlinich. The move is part of an agreement in principle reached er. At the site in Gyor in Hun-France intends to fully open between the European Comgary, the number rose to 73,710 from 3,131, Audi said. its telecommunications market mission and the Atlas joint-vento all comers and will award its ture partners France Telecom

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AP)



Investor's Europe

Very briefly:

• Royal Bank of Scotland PLC's shares rose 2 percent, to 535 pence (\$8.43), on speculation that the bank could be a target of a takeover bid by the Hong Kong banking group HSBC Holdings PLC. The stock has risen 17 percent in two weeks.

• Siemens AG agreed to buy 75 percent of Mercury Communicain the United States rose 24.9 from Ltd.'s telecommunications equipment unit. Its net asset value percent. In Japan deliveries is about £50 million, and Siemens will pay a small premium, said a climbed 22.9 percent, and in spokesman of Cables & Wireless PLC, Mercury's parent.

Thoru EMI PLC's shares continued to climb, rising 10 pence to £15.27, as speculation grew that News Corp. would make a bid for EMI Music, one of the four largest recording business in the world. Both companies have declined to comment.

 Dutch bankruptcies totaled 4,400 in the nine months ended in September, down 11 percent from a year earlier.

• Italy's industrial orders rose 22 percent in July from the like month in 1994, with domestic industrial sales rising 16.3 percent and industrial exports climbing 24.2 percent.

• Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi, the Italian state energy company, will request that its shares be listed on both the Milan and New York stock exchanges in line with its moves toward privatization. • West German wholesale prices rose 0.4 percent in September from August and 1.3 percent from a year earlier. In August, prices were down 0.5 percent on a month-to-month basis and up 1

percent on a year-to-year basis. • France's Finance Ministry said in its 1996 budget proposal that the privatization of Caisse Nationale de Prévoyance and a sale of a eries by more than 15 percent stake in Banque Française du Commerce Extérieur could take place this year.

• RTZ Corp. said its gross equivalent dividend yield at the close of trading Monday was 3.9 percent, rather than the 3.3 percent figure that was widely published. The company said it based its calculation on its final dividend for 1994 plus its interim dividend for 1995 and on its Monday closing share price of 919 pence.

 Linotype-Hell AG expects to post a loss for the second half of 1995 and for the year as a whole and will implement cost-cutting measures including a reduction of 300 jobs.

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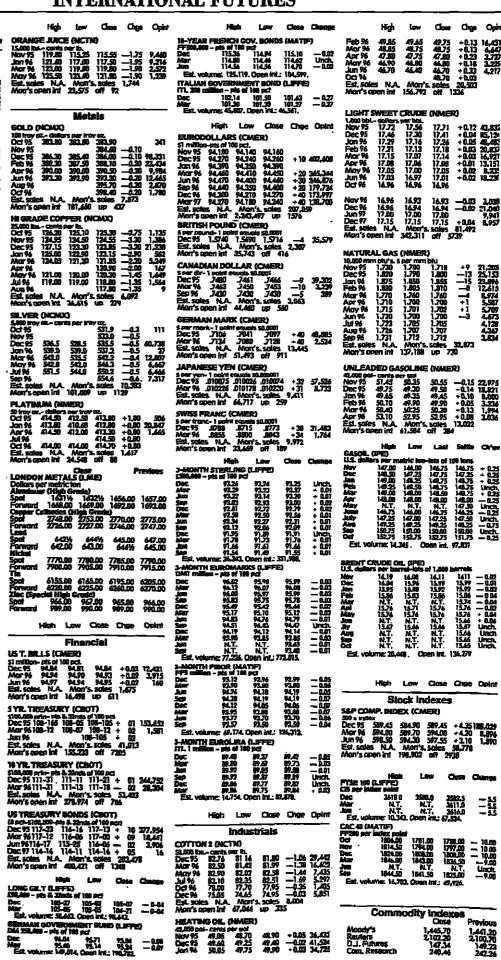
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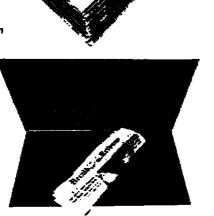


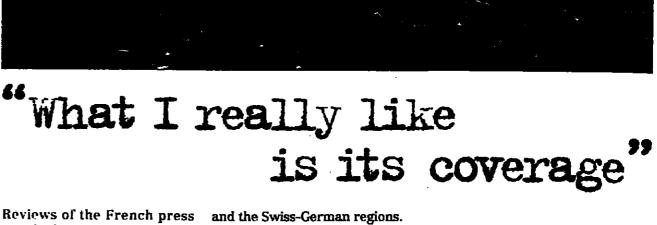
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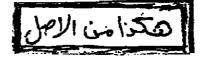
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™ U.S.-China Deals Are 'On Track,' **Brown Asserts**

emploid by Our Staff From Dispatches BEUTNG — The U.S. secretary of commerce, Ronald H. Brown, said Tuesday he had i een reassured by his Chinese and power generation. counterpart that all of the \$6 billion of contracts signed bepreen U.S. and Chinese companies during his 1994 visit remained 'on track.'

Speaking to reporters at the start of a two-day visit to Beijing. Mr. Brown said Wu Yi, China's minister of foreign trade and economic cooperation, had "publicly recommitted to these projects.

That was certainly something that gave us considerable reassurance, and I think it will give a lot of American companies who are considering ma-Mr. Brown said.

The visit by the commerce secretary is the highest-level visit to China by a U.S. official ince relations between the two countries soured last summer over trade issues.

around \$6 billion in new deals or U.S. companies. But Beiing has yet to approve any of the deals, most of which in-

olye power plants. On Tuesday, Miss Wu told reporters that most of the conracts were under way and that her ministry was working hard to see the deals through.

adding, "It is clear that success on these projects will enhance

Mr. Brown said he had given shipped through other countries. Viss Wu a list of new projects on China valued at \$20 billion, a

significant portion of which he hoped U.S. companies would win. The projects are mainly the telecommunications, transport

In addition to pushing for business on behalf of U.S. companies, Mr. Brown was expected to press China to fight piracy and to discuss Beijing's bid to join the World Trade Organization.

"I assured the minister that there is no more important relationship to us than our relationship with China," Mr. Brown said after his meeting with Miss Wil.

'Continued constructive relations between the U.S. and China are at the very top of the Clinton administration agenda," the commerce secretary ior projects reassurance as said at a meeting of the U.S.-China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade.

A path which has always paid dividends for our overall relations is our commercial relationship," he added.

Mr. Brown later spoke at A year ago, Mr. Brown led a Motorola University in Beijing rade delegation to China that and was to meet with the Chi-Motorola University in Beijing in department said resulted in nese president. Jiang Zemin, to deliver a message from President Bill Clinton. The two leaders are to meet next Tuesday in New York.

It was unclear, however, whether the commerce secretary would raise during his visit the nagging issue of the widening U.S.-China trade imbalance.

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Chinese figures show that in the first nine months of 1995. reriod of time for these projects China's trade surplus with the to be implemented," she said. United States was \$7.02 billion. **Express News Will Change Hands** up from \$4.77 billion in the like 1994 period. But U.S. figures, which include Chinese goods

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

show a much larger surplus.

CITIC Holds Steady Calm Greets Parent's Share Sale

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - When major foreign shareholders trim their stakes in Hong Kong blue-chip businesses these days, doomsayers are quick to cite the British colony's looming handover to China.

But when China International Trust & Investment Corp. sold about 7 million shares in the holding company CITIC Pacific Ltd. on Tuesday, there was no panic. Local stocks are at their

highest levels of the year, and the 1997 handover to Chinese

Pacific, a conglomerate arrange a 2 billi-backed by Beijing whose con-trolling shareholder sold near-Some investor ly 169 million Hong Kong dollars (\$21.9 million) of its Tuesday, analysts greeted the news calmly. CITIC Pacific's shares fell just 20 Hong Kong cents, to 24.40 dollars, CITIC sold the shares through a unit called CITIC Hong Kong (Holdings) Ltd.

Analysts said the move was part of a strategy backed by more of its Beijing that could affect other expansion. big Hong Kong companies. Some said they thought CITIC was fine-tuning its portfolio

under which South China

erning State Council, still holds more than 42 percent of CITIC

"It's nothing serious," said Eddie Lau. an analyst with Salomon Brothers Hong Kong Ltd., who cited the two companies' need to finance a large new building in Hong Kong's

central business district.

The waterfront land for the project, to be built on the recently closed but symbolically alluring Tamar British naval base, will cost 3.35 billion dollars. CITIC Pacific, CITIC Hong Kong and their partner in control is less than 650 days the deal, Robert Kuok's Kerry away, so any other company Group, will have to come up

> Some investors are worned that more shares in CITIC Pacific, which has major shareholdings in Hong Kong Telecommunications Ltd. and Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., will be coming on the block.

cobelli of Bear, Stearns & Co. and long-term debt. said they expected CITIC Pacific to look hard at selling off criticized for its "lack of understanding" of China's eco-

Mr. Jacobelli said he thought CTTIC Pacific would unload the company's noncore CTTIC's long-term debt to

Kong, CITIC, an entity directly company trimmed its stake in answerable to Beijing's gov- Cathay to 10 percent from 12 percent in September. Apart from the Tamar pro-

ect, CITIC Pacific is developing a rail station and commercial property on the line to Hong Kong's new airport.

It also has invested in a new cross-harbor tunnel as part of the airport project. The company bought half of a residential property community, Discovery Bay, for 3.4 billion dollars and is developing a large shopping mall with Swire Pacific Ltd.

In China, the firm is increasingly involved in major ly until April 1. infrastructure projects.

"They definitely need to away, so any other company or only with the sum. CTTIC Pacific while the getting was good.

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But in the case of CITIC Pacific raise money; their gearing is at much higher levels than they are accustomed." Mr. Jacobelli said, referring to the debt-to-equity ratio. "But what is very positive about the company is that they have significantly improved their recurring earnings

> Separately, Moody's Investors Service Inc. said Tuesday that it would lower its Analysts such as Joseph Ja- ratings on CITIC's short-term

> > nomic reform efforts, affects 2.8 billion dollars of debt.

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U.S. Faces **Airline Cut** By Tokyo

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches TOKYO - Japan plans to curtail the permits for two U.S. airlines' passenger flights in response to a similar decision made by Washington against Japan Air Lines, the Transportation Ministry said Tuesday.

Analysts said the dispute could damage a second round of talks on expanding access to the \$1 billion market for air cargo between the two countries.

The ministry said it had decided to allow two major U.S. airlines - Northwest Airlines and Delta Air Lines - to operate 21 of their flights between Japan and the United States on-

It said the decision was in response to a similar move by the U.S. Department of Transportation this week. The department renewed Japan Air Lines' license for services between Hawaii and Sendai in northern Japan until April 1, or for 168 days. JAL said its li-cense extensions for the Hawaii-Sendai route used to be granted in 179-day blocks.

The discord was triggered when United Airlines asked Washington in September to ei-ther allow JAL's license for the route to run for only 120 days after its latest expiration, which was Monday, or until air-cargo talks between Tokyo and Washington ended.

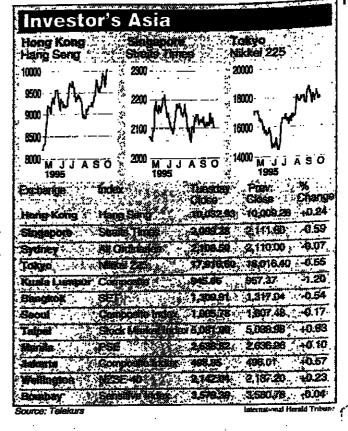
United complained after Tokyo delayed approving a United request to add a Seoul leg to its existing flights from the United States to Japan's Kansai International 'Airport. The U.S. airline brought the complaint as Tokyo and Washington were holding a first round of talks in late September to decide on a new framework for air-cargo transport.

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South China Strategic is to pay 42.6 million dollars in cash and 5.4 million dollars through an allotment of 27 million shares Japanese industry sources said United apparently; expected Washington to use its request an allotment of 27 million shares to South China Holdings and as a tool in the air-cargo talks. Japan's Transportation Minlion dollars is to be paid from istry said the United States could not hope to win a good deal from

Japan through such moves. "It could complicate their negotiations over the cargo isone analyst said. (Bloomherg, Reuters)



Very briefly:

· South Korea's current account deficit in the third quarter was \$2.1 billion, up 24 percent from the same period of last year, while the trade deficit shrank to \$670 million,down from \$1.25 bil-

• Vietnam's State Committee for Cooperation and Investment. reversing current practice, ruled that Vietnamese partners must hold more than 30 percent of construction joint ventures.

 Western Australia, the country's biggest state, was largely sealed off by a 24-hour strike to protest government plans to curb union power. Air, shipping, bus and train services, and interstate mail delivery were curtailed, but some truck drivers continued to work. Banking and telecommunications were unaffected

China's central bank will maintain a tight-money policy for the rest of the year to keep down inflation. Loan priorities will include agriculture, key infrastructure projects and "well-run enterprises." according to published reports.

• Motorola Inc. will spend \$720 million to build a semiconductor plant in the northeastern port city of Tianjin, bringing the company's total investment in the city to almost \$1 billion.

 Taiwan's Interior Ministry eased restrictions on foreign con-struction companies, allowing them to hold more than 49 percent of joint ventures and to obtain permits for large projects.

Inner Mongolia Erdos Cashmere Products Co. will list 110 million class B shares on the Shanghai Stock Exchange on Friday. The \$50 million proceeds will be used to fund expansion.

Fujitsu Ltd. of Japan and Advanced Micro Devices Inc. of the United States are to build a flash-memory chip plant next to a joint-venture facility at Aizu-Wakamatsu in northern Japan. The size of the investment was not disclosed.

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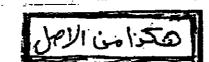
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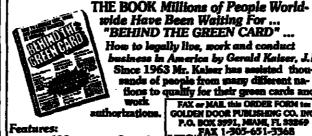
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Indurain Faces Hard Climb to Solitary Peak

By Samuel Abt International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Miguel Injudge from comments, including Indurain's, when the
course of the 1996 Tour was

Netherlands next season. presented Tuesday in Paris, it will be extremely hard.

"A complicated course, hard for me," the Spaniard said after the unveiling of the 83d Tour. "The Alps will be difficult and the stages in the Massif Central, too." He did not mention the Pyrenees, which will be no piece of

"Very difficult," said Jean-François Bernard, a French rider who has finished as high as third in the Tour. Lots and lots of mountains and where there aren't big mountains, there are small ones. And many hills. It's a 3,835 kilometers (2,395

ganizers have been trying to moved a week earlier so that tilt the race toward climbers the Tour would not overlap and away from time-trial spe- the Atlanta Olympic Games cialists such as Indurain. He has won the last five Tours by racers will be eligible to combuilding leads of several min- pete for the first time. utes in the two long time trials, or individual races against the clock, and then

the mountains. Instead of holding the first sions into Italy and Spain, the time trial before the Tour en- Tour will include !! daily ters the mountains and es- stages on more or less flat tablishing a pecking order terrain, four in the high moun-headed by Indurain, the organizers have sandwiched mountains, plus two time trithe time trial between two als, not including the short testing days in the Alps.

Does Indurain go with the climbers, who will surely at- cover 30 kilometers sharply tack on the first stage? Does uphill and the second 60 kilohe wait and give everything in meters on the flat. The team the time trial, knowing that the time trial, a traditional feaclimbers will save their ture of the first few days, will strength then and attack the not be held. next day? Does he have a team strong enough to help him be big gaps between the rid-over the climbs? Does Indurain try to blow everybody the bonus sprints to win the away early or does he stay yellow jersey," De Rooy close and await the second said. "It means a very ner-

hope that the race will not be from Argelès-Gazost in decided until that second time France over the Pyrenees to trial, a day before the tradi- Pamplona in Spain on the day tional finish in Paris. Lack of after his 32d birthday, Insuspense has been a hallmark durain grew up on a farm just

of Indurain's five victories. outside Pamplona. But, the organizers were quick to note, the course has his native province, Navarre, not been designed to thwart in the yellow jersey? Indurain's attempt to become the first rider to win the Tour course," he said. six times. With five victories, would be magnificent. I'll do

quetil, Eddy Merckx and

Bernard Hinault. "I don't think this Tour has any ingredient especially durain may well make history directed against Indurain, by winning the Tour de said Théo de Rooy, a former France for the sixth time next rider and current Tour middle year, but it won't be easy. To manager who will be the di-

> "There was a lot of discussion about time bonuses in the mountains," he added. "and we decided not to because that could be interpreted as a move against In-

Jean-François Pescheux, a senior Tour official, agreed. 'It's a difficult course but a Tour de France is always difficult," he said. "The Tour is never laid out for or against anybody. Indurain has won it five times and has always adapted to the course. I think he'll adapt to this one, too."

rolling course once you're miles) and will begin June 29 out of the mountains." in 's-Herrogenbosch, the
The accent on climbing was no surprise, since the or21 in Paris. The dates were

This one will cover about

Twenty-two teams of nine men each will participate.

Moving clockwise from the yielding only small change in Netherlands, through Belgium and France, with excur-

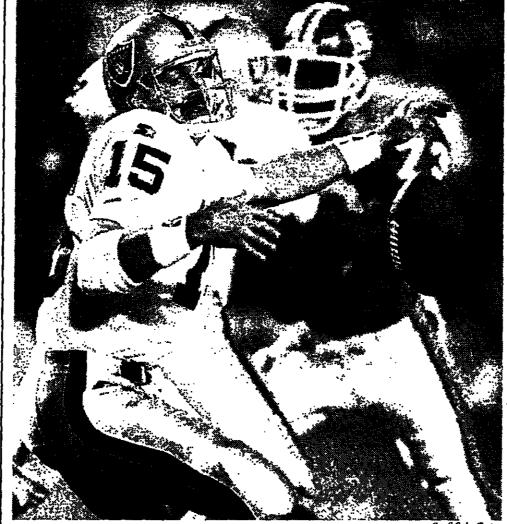
> prologue. The first time trial will

"That means there won't

time trial, a long and flat stage vous race the first week." Clearly, the organizers Indurain will be the stage

Would he like to ride into

he said. "That he is tied with Jacques An- my best to make it happen."



Oakland's Jeff Hostetler, fumbling under pressure, left the game in the third quarter.

Taking Raiders' Best Shots, **Broncos Rip to 27-0 Rout**

Broacos took the best shots the game late in the third quarter. Oakland Raiders had to offer. then delivered some of their

The biggest blow was the second straight score, a 27-0 victory by Denver game in which Denver had not Monday night that ended a run of frustration in which the Broncos had lost the last six games between the National Football League teams.

John Elway threw touchto Anthony Miller, and Denver held the NFL's highest-scoring team to only 19 yards of total offense in the second and third quarters combined.

the Raiders (5-2), and the lopsided victory avenged a 48-16 loss in Denver last year.

Elway, who came into the game with a 6-15 career record against the Raiders, completed 23 of 46 passes for 324 yards. Miller caught seven passes for 149 yards, and Jason Elam kicked four field goals.

The Raiders, who had been averaging 30.5 points and 395.8 yards per game, finished with only 169 yards.

sacking him twice and sending explicably fumbled. him to the locker room to have X-rays of his larynx.

It was the second straight allowed a touchdown and its first shutout since Sept. 27,

The Broncos also ended a streak of Monday night losses, having lost the last seven times down passes of 33 and 36 yards they played in the showcase

The first quarter featured three turnovers, two fights and the ejection of Broncos linebacker Dave Wyman. The Broncos (4-3) had lost Elam's 30-yard field goal, fol-11 of their previous 12 games to lowing Steve Atwater's interception, was the only score of the period.

On the game's second play from scrimmage, Hostetler's high pass was tipped by running back Derrick Fenner, and Atwater intercepted, returning 18 vards to the Raiders 19. Elam

converted four plays later. The Broncos scored the only touchdown of the half with 3:10 left on Elway's 33-yard pass to Miller, capping an 84-yard

Denver forced Raiders quarDENVER — The Denver terback Jeff Hostetler from the roacos took the best shors the

Young Out for 4 Weeks
The Coits dealt the 49ers a humiliating loss Sunday, but they may have delivered a more significant blow to San Francisco's chances of returning to the Super Bowl by knocking quarterback Steve Young out for the next month with a sprained and bruised shoulder.

A magnetic resonance imaging scan done on Young's left (throwing) shoulder Monday morning showed significant damage that will sideline him for up to four weeks, according to 49er Coach George Seifert.

The New York Times report-

That means Young, a two time league most valuable player and the MVP of last season's 49-26 victory over San Diego in Super Bowl XXIX, will be on the sideline for the Nov. 12 game against Dallas. That matchup had been viewed as a preview of the National Football Conference championship game. The loss of Young threatens to lessen its significance.

Their Ace on the Mound at Home, Mariners Win for Losing

By Murray Chass New York Times Service

SEATTLE - The Mariners returned to the Kingdome on Tuesday for their fifth go-home game in 16 days. If they were good or lucky enough to win that game, they would get to do it a sixth time the next day. Down in the American League Championship Series, 3 games to 2, and playing in their House of Noise with Randy Johnson pitching, the Mariners might suggest that they had the Cleveland Indians right where they

Their string of Kingdome go-home games — lose and they go home began two weeks ago, when the Mariners beat the California Angels in nity to be out on the mound in a big fouling off pitches they usually would I've got and they speed their bats up a we can deal with that."

secutive victories over the wild-card Yankees after they had lost the first two games of the three-of-five divi-

sional series.

won all four games? half a dozen," Lou Piniella, the and sent them home with three innings Mariners' manager, said.

As he did in the first two of those gohome games — and in the fourth one on a relief basis — Piniella asked Johnson to extend the team's exhilarating year. The league's best pitcher was to start against Dennis Martinez, the league's oldest.

'Everybody relishes the opportu-

a one-game playoff for the AL West game, as I do," Johnson said. "But I miss. The combination raised a queschampionship. Then came three condon't think anybody relishes the idea in about a possibly fired left arm. little. I'm pitching by desire because that's the way I'm getting them out." that, once again, if we lose this game,

the season is over for us." Johnson, who had the most strikeouts and the lowest earned run average What does it mean that they have in the league, pitched a three-hitter against the Angels, then beat the Yan-'It means there's hope that we have kees in the third game of their series

of relief in the fifth game. He made his first appearance against the Indians last Friday night in the third game, departing after eight innings with a 2-2 tie that the Mariners

eventually turned into a 5-2 victory. That night, he didn't throw as many fastballs as usual, and it appeared his arm angle was lower and batters were

er, but I pitched them pretty well last time not having a really good fastball. To me, it doesn't matter how I get them out as long as I get them out.'

But, he was asked, was he pitching postseason games. that way because he wanted to or because he had to?

"I don't have to pitch any way," he replied, but added: "I'm not overpowering people because you can't do that at this time of year. They've seen me two or three times, they know what out there," Martinez said. "But I think

"As a pitcher, you have to mix things up," Johnson said, not quite bristling at the implication that he is shoulder was stiff after his first-game tired but not saying he wasn't. "Everybody knows that I'm a power pitcher but I nited by the lost the first game and him back. He lost the first game and Martinez had been scheduled to him back. He lost the first game and remains the only Cleveland starter who has allowed more than one earned run in a game in the Indians' eight

The 40-year-old right-hander gave up two to Boston in the first game of the divisional series and three to Seat-

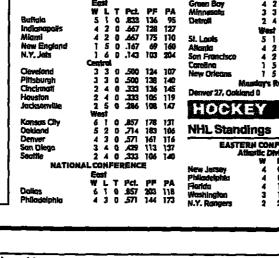
"It won't be easy, going to that ball park and also facing Randy Johnson

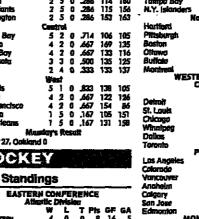
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Yankees Sign Gooden

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The Yankees reached into the baseball past of the New York Mets and agreed to a three-year contract with pitcher Dwight Gooden that may eventually pay more than \$6 million.

Gooden finished a one-year suspension for violating his substance-abuse after-care program on Oct. 1. In June, the Yankees' owner, George Steinbrenner, signed Darryl Strawberry, another former Met with a history of drug difficulties.

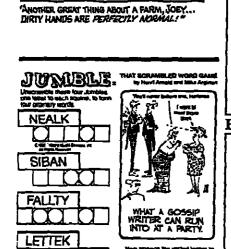
Davey Johnson, the former Mets manager, has been mentioned as a managerial candidate if Buck Showalter is not retained. So the 1996 Yankees might resemble the 1986 Mets,

who won the World Series. Gooden, 30, has one guaranteed year on the contract for \$1 million next season and could earn \$2 million in 1997 and \$3 million in 1998 if the Yankees choose to keep him. He can also earn incentives. The Yankees have options to buy him

out for \$300,000 in the second and third years.

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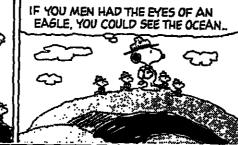
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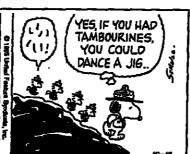
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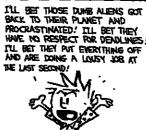






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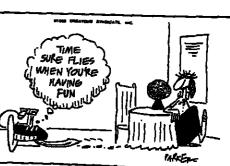




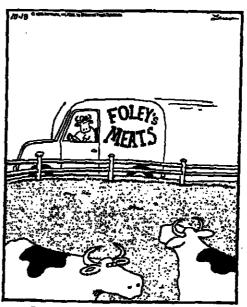
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3 Sponsors Back Graf; Long Legal Fight Seen

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BONN — Steffi Graf is not in immediate danger of losing more of her lucrative sponsorship deals because of a tax scandal but legal battles around the case could go on for a decade, her lawyer said on Tuesday. Three of the German tennis

player's main sponsors said they had no plans to cut their ties with the world's top-ranked player, who lost a \$1.2 million deal with Opel on Monday. But Graf's lawyer, Peter Danckert, said investigations

could go on for many years.

"The present proceedings could be completed by the end of the year," But there could be other proceedings with other parties which could take years. I could even imagine financial legal disputes going on for up to 10 years."

Graf, whose father, Peter

Graf, was jailed in August to stop him fleeing or concealing evidence that might support allegations that he and his daughter dodged millions of marks in taxes, lost the Opel deal because the firm had concerns about her management.

But the tennis idol, who insists she entrusted most of her financial affairs to her father and advisers from an early stage of her career, has not lost the faith of other backers.

We advertise with her as a tennis player and nothing has changed with that," said a spokesman for the Germanbased sportswear firm Adidas, which has worked with Graf since 1984.

Graf, 26, earns about 2 million DM (\$1.4 million) annually from the Adidas deal.

A spokesman for Graf's racket supplier, Wilson, said: There are no plans to split with her. In 1994 we decided to work with Steffi Graf not only as a tennis player but also as a

human being."

Graf makes about 1 million DM from the deal. Elida Gibbs, for which Graf

does deodorant commercials for about 1.5 million DM a year, said it saw Graf as a victim until any guilt was proved.

Graf said in Brighton, England, where she is to begin a tournament on Wednesday, that media coverage of the scandal was a burden.

"There's no way of escaping it," she said. "I'm happy to get away. Tennis right now gives me the break of not having constantly to talk to lawyers. Tennis is what I'm living for right now, nothing else."

'The last few weeks have definitely been the worst and the unhappiest time in my life, she added. "You just can't get away from it. You sit in your car with the radio on. There's news every five minutes and you're always on it."

'You turn on the TV and it's just there constantly," Graf said. "There's no way to escape it, and there probably won't be for a long time." (Reuters. AP)



Steffi Graf, practicing Tuesday in Brighton, won the backing of a main sponsor, Adidas.

U.S. Open Alters Format

NEW YORK - The U.S. Open is borrowing from "Super Saturday" in hopes of creating a sensational "Championship Sunday," by changing its format and moving the women's final to the last day of the championships.

The latest TV deal sealed between the U.S. Tennis Association and CBS, calls for the women's final to shift from Saturday to Sunday, where it will precede the men's final.

In recent years, the women's final bad been played in between the men's semifinals on Saturday, a marathon day. The WTA Tour had long objected to the previous arrangement since the women's final had no set scheduled time.

SIDELINES

Olajuwon Might Play in London

with back and elbow injuries, said Tuesday there was a slight chance he might play in the McDonald's Championship. Olajuwon, who indicated last week he wouldn't make the trip to

pions for the six-team tournament, which begins Thursday.

Olajuwon, the MVP of the NBA finals, missed the Rockets'

Brazilian Driver Dies After Crash

For the Record

Mary Levy, 67, coach of the National Football League's Buffalo Bills, was listed in good condition Tuesday after undergoing surgery to remove a cancerous prostate.

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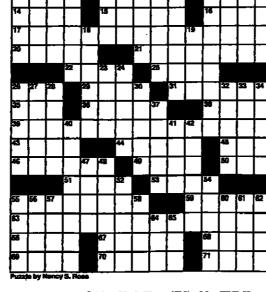
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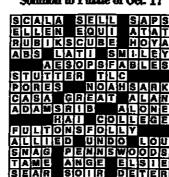
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LONDON (AP) - Hakeem Olajuwon, who has been sidelined

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surgery. He also missed the Rockets' first three preseason games and was not expected to be available for the McDonald's tournament. Houston starts play Friday.

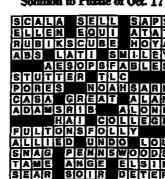
ROME (Reuters) — The Brazilian Formula 3000 auto racing driver Marco Campos died in a hospital in Paris on Tuesday after a crash at the Magny Cours track on Sunday, the manager of his

Italian-based team said.

The Lola driven by Campos, 19, hit the rear wheel of the car of the Italian driver Thomas Biagi on the last lap of Sunday's race,

cartwheeling several times.

O New York Times/Edited by Will Shorts.



Jurgen Klinsmann, the captain of Germany, scored twice to give Bayern a commanding lead against the Scottish underdogs. Bayern goalkeeper Oliver Khan made a superb save to deny Colin Cameron an equalizer minutes before Klinsmann scored his second goal in

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

Leeds United 3, PSV Eind-

Belgian international Luc Nilis scored twice in the last seven minutes to give PSV Eindhoven a 5-3 victory in Leeds on a night when the several away teams seized the initiative in the first leg of the second round of the Uefa Cup. Gary Speed put Leeds ahead after 6 minutes but then Rene

and Wim Jonk put PSV 3-1 ahead at half time. Carlton Palmer made it 3-2 in the 48th minute with a fierce close-range drive from a cross from the left by Ghanaian Tony Yeboah, a prolific scorer for Leeds this season but guilty of a

string of misses in this match. Gary McAllister scored a brilliant equalizer from outside the box in the 72nd minute before Nilis struck twice.

League

Sets Plan

For U.S.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dis-natches

NEW YORK - The

soccer Revolution is now

scheduled to arrive in the

More than a year after

United States next April.

the U.S. played host to the

World Cup, Major League Soccer unveiled a handful

of new signings on Tues-day as well as its teams' uniforms, logos and names. These include the

Kansas City Wiz, the San

Jose Clash, the Tampa Bay

Mutiny and the New Eng-land Revolution.

we've got cities, we've got

stadiums, we got TV,

we've got sponsors, we've

got players and now we

have names, uniforms and

logos," said Alan Rothen-berg, MLS chairman.

prerequisite for the US be-

ing awarded the World

Cup, welcomed several

World Cup veterans on Tuesday. These included

Roy Wegerle and John

Harkes, two Americans

who have played in England, and Marco Etchev-

erry, the Bolivian star. The

marquee players are being

distributed equally among

Rothenberg said in-

vestors had put up more

than \$75 million in capital

He said he expected 10,000

to 12,000 attendance per

"Our investors under-

stand there's going to be a

lot of red ink for the first

several years. Our expec-

tation is for long, steady. growth."

teams, Boston, Columbus (Ohio) Crew, Colorado Rapids, Kansas City, Los

Angeles Galaxy, New York/New Jersey Metro

and Washington's D.C.

United, are privately fi-nanced. The other three,

Dallas Burn, San Jose and

Tampa Bay, will be run by the league. (NYT, AP)

Seven of the league's 10

the 10 teams.

The fledgling league, a

We've got owners,

Eijkelkamp, Marciano Vink

received a vellow card. Bordeaux 2, Rotor Volgograd I

Auxerre 0, Nottingham

Forest supporters broke a cafe window, injuring several people, before the match. Police used tear gas to disperse the

AC Milan showed little sign weariness from their win over Juventus in the Italian league just 48 hours earlier as they beat Strasbourg in Alsace. The goal, 10 minutes from time. was started by Demetrio Al-bertini. George Weah back-heeled the ball into the path of the bloodied Marco Simone who scored. Simone was bleeding from his nose following an off-the-ball clash with Martin Djetou for which both players

Witschge scored a last minute penalty for Bordeaux against Rotor Vologograd of Russia,

Forest 1 Nottingham Forest struck early and then repelled a wave of Auxerre attacks to score a well-crafted 1-0 away win. Steve Stone latched onto a slip by Nigerian defender Taribo West to lob over goalkeeper Fa-bien Cool in the 22nd minute.

Dutch international Richard

who knocked out Manchester by Shtantjuk began went ahead in the first half utes.

Gaetan Huard threw the ball into his own net. Bordeaux were missing their three current French internationals Bixente Lizarazu, Zinedine Zidane and Christophe

when Bordeaux goalkeeper

Dugarry. Lyon 2, Lazio 1 Lazio of Rome were reduced to 10 men when Argentine libero Jose Chamot was sent off just before halftime for a sec-

ond yellow card. FČ Barcelona 3, Vitoria

Guimaraes 0 Bosnian forward Meho Kodro won a dubious penalty on the stroke of halftime to set Barcelona on the way to a comfortable win over Portugal's Guimaraes. Kodro's reacted swiftly after his spot kick was saved by Neno Rodrigues and volleyed in the rebound.

Barcelona showed more flair and spirit in the second half. Kodro scored his second and 19-year-old Albert Celades added the third. Werder Bremen

namo Minsk 0 Dynamo Minsk held out for 52 minutes before an own goal

Klinsmann Sparks Bayern Victory United in the first round. Rotor avalanche of five in 25 min-AFP. Reuters

Scorer: Sieve Stone (22rd), eeds United 2, PSV Eindeoven

Leeds United 2, PSV Eindhoven 5
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Germany Discovers Free Jazz

ONDON - In the world of Walter Mitty the musician, leading a band that plays by ear. He loosens up, he liberates his performers and to-

Vogts, carried the enormous weight of office. Every Bundestrainer, every German national team coach before him, won the European Championship, the World Cup, or both. Poor Berti. Tenacious as a player, defensive to

Hughes 🖰 📉

his core, he had 50 matches as trainer without distinction. The team reflected the man; dogged, dependable, but

damned by predictability. Germany failed at the 1992 European Championship in Sweden, flopped at the 1994 World Cup in the United States, and the critics sneer-

ingly dubbed Vogts "the Insurance Man".

But he didn't quit, he wasn't pushed, and today there are signs of freedom breaking out in a rash among his team plan. The new Germany attacks from the back, from the flanks, down the center. It still looks athletic but has shed some

rigidity, some caution. Last week Germany won in style on a ground where it had previously lost without scoring under Vogts. The 2-1 victory over Wales, coming four days after a 6-1 home win against Moldova, virtually assured Germany of qualifying for the 1996 European Championship.

It was the manner of the performance that stood out. Matthias Sammer, tall, red-haired, elegantly slim, was the free-spirit and the leader of Berti's Band.

Just as Sammer has shown on recent European

nights for Borussia Dortmund, he relishes a role requiring responsibility laced with flair, leadership with surprise. After almost 15 years of trying, at the rate of one contender per season, Germany appears to

have discovered a player capable of replacing enough, visionary enough, eager enough to turn soccer inside out. Men who lunk in deep defense, Beckenbauer invented the concept of libero, the artist who converts defense into attack. Nominally the last defender on the team, his intuitive reading of the play enables him to glide forwards with the ball. He penetrates deep into opposition territory, makes and receives passes

orchestrates counter attacks. Sammer takes his freedom of expression beopponent's penalty area, he fires shots with moment he is master of defense, the next he is

olav-maker. Such a man cannot perform without harmony.

When Sammer moves forward for Dortmund, he knows that Julio Cesar, his Brazilian club mate, will cover behind him.

With Germany, Sammer relies on Thomas Helmer, who plays the role of defensive anchor. Trust between a libero and a stopper, is a growing feature of European soccer. Croatia plays that way. So does Russia. Italy

used to, when Franco Baresi was young.
That excellence is recognized. Russia last year

captainsthe national side.

Moscow, as captain and player of the year.

chose Viktor Onopko, the free defender of Spartak

Sammer, is Germany's highest rated per

Against Moldova, Sammer scored twice.

Against Wales he had more shots saved than any

former, ahead even of Jürgen Klinsmann who

vinsurance salesman might become a jazz gether they hit on the art of improvisation. In the real world, Hans-Hubert "Berti"

forward. Yet in a framework which has its typically Germanic workaholics - runners such as Steffen Freund and Dieter Eilts — it is noticeable that Sammer is not the only liberated individual. Andreas Möller, like almost the whole Ger-

man team repatriated after service abroad, remains the schemer in midfield. Thomas Hässler, the Tom Thumb scamp whose darting play seems revitalized, also appears to have a "free" Hässler moves from flank to flank. He flits where instinct tells him to find space, always

attacking, usually behind the front runners Klinsmann and young Heiko Herrlich. So who dares call Vogts the Insurance Man now? A blend emerges that upholds German physical strength yet allows virtuosity to breath. It is indeed like jazz: a recognizable tune but with unfamiliar, and therefore unpredictable, notes of

contain, and far more likely to win the major

trophy Vogts needs to fulfill his mandate. There may be two reasons for change, other than the courage of a trainer who has seen new light. One is that Lothar Matthäus, the most capped German of all-time and a most dominating personality, has been out since January

after tearing a tendon. Matthäus swears he will return. He is stepping up his training with Bayern Munich. He has his eyes defiantly on cap No. 123 and beyond.

But whereas Vogts did not previously know how to call time on Matthaus, whereas any trainer clings to the insurance of a proven leader. the rhythm has changed now. Sammer, 28, is in the prime of performance.

He and Onopko are the new men, players athletic

the greater to surprise the enemy when their coil is sprung. The two share one more distinction. They are of the former Eastern Europe, but of new interpretation. Onopko, born and raised in Kiev,

was allowed to opt for Russia rather than the Ukraine when the old Soviet team disbanded. Sammer drifted into his pivotal role by a more yond Beckenbauer. He moves all the way into the circular route. He, and Freund, were schooled under the Communist regime of old East Gereither foot, he defines the team momentum. One many. When the Berlin Wall fell, six years ago next month, none other than Beckenbauer predicted that this would make Germany the greater

force in soccer. At the time. Kaiser Franz was team chief of the World Cup-winning West Germany. He pre-sumed that a combined population of 80 million instead of 60 million would automatically strengthen the Fatherland. It has taken longer than anticipated. But gradually, trust by trust, Sammer by Sammer, Freund by Freund, the might grows. Do not bet a Deutsche Mark against

a German triumph in 1996. Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times.

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Haiti's Singing Mayor

By Larry Rohter
New York Times Service

DORT-AU-PRINCE, Hairi For two decades, Manno vor of a biblical prophet. Good selfish people.' training, as it turns out, for his new job: mayor of Port-au-Prince.

Elected in a landslide four months ago, Charlemagne now finds himself thrust into the of, a room at the Hotel Olofcontradictory roles of both politician and poet, dealing not only with problems of transport and sanitation but also with the same people and policies he has so long railed against.

ing his mind and leading an clothing that include the borartist's life, the process has not been easy.

"A guy like me, you know I am going to yell about everything that is wrong," Charle- As mayor, Charlemagne magne said. "I want to continue said, his principal objectives

Charlemagne, 47, achieved popularity during the he has advocated in his songs. dictatorship of Jean-Claude But two impediments stand (Baby Doc) Duvalier, when his in the way, he said: "Being an biting protest music, though of- administrator is hard for me, ten banned, circulated clandes- and the city does not have the tinely on tape or was passed from mouth to mouth.

Forced into exile in 1980, he returned after the fall of the Duvalier government in 1986 to become one of Jean-Bertrand Aristide's most ardent cham- act of destruction," though one pions, and fled again when widely applauded. Aristide was overthrown in a military coup in 1991. Aristide warehouses built illegally near was returned to power Oct. 15, the city docks by friends, rel-1994, after U.S. troops were atives and business associates sent to Haiti.

Many of Charlemagne's the Duvaliers and their military henchmen with clever puns and stands.

what he calls the "lumpenbour-

geoisie." But describing himself as "an anti-imperialist singer." Charlemagne has been the con- he has also aimed barbs at science of Haiti and the coun- France and the United States, as try's most admired singer, de- in the angry ballad whose renouncing injustice, inequality frain admonishes, "You forand corruption with all the fer- eign Americans, you are very

Since taking office in early August, Charlemagne has been living in, and often working out sson, a favorite watering hole of artsy visitors to the Haitian cap-

His few possessions are strewn around his living quaro long railed against. ters: a Takamine acoustic gui-For someone used to speak- tar, a couple of changes of rowed suit he wore to his swearing-in, and the pistol he carries to protect himself from those

his protest music offends. to struggle, but I know I must are to open schools in poor also do something." are to open schools in poor neighborhoods, establish feeding canteens for the destitute and build neighborhood medical clinics - the same things

money to carry out his construction program.

His main achievement thus far has been what he calls "an

At his order, dozens of large of influential military officers during the dictatorship have most popular songs either mock been razed to permit small merchants to set up open-air

Director Tests Limits of Cinema Verité Violence

By Dave Gardetta Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — When the director Kathryn Bigelow was editing the opening scene of her new film, "Strange Days," she decided to try it out on a couple of her friends. The sequence depicts a vicious robbery that goes horribly awry when the Los Angeles police show up; she testway to a restaurant.

'I kind of thought it really cooked, but what do I know?" says Bigelow. "They were looking at the se-

quence on this really tiny screen in the back seat of a car. And they're leaning closer and closer to the screen when suddenly I noticed their legs are running in place, and they don't even realize it. That was the first indication I had that people were connecting to the film in a certain way. One had perhaps broken down that fourth wall and entered, if perhaps only for a moment, another space that you can only glimpse at or imagine in cinema."

the last 48 hours of the century, marks Bigelow's arrival on Hollywood's Alist of directors.

Ralph Fiennes plays the oily Lenny Nero, a former Los Angeles Police Department vice squad cop who deals in black market "playback" --- compact disks of recorded human experience that, when spooled through old girl, fall 10 stories to the sidewalk. It's Cinemascope for the mind.

Bigelow, 41, is attracted to scripts that play with the relationship between the audience and the film.

When she talks about filmmaking. she speaks of "rules that are meant to be broken, boundaries that are meant pushed, preconceptions challenged." There is the shimmering intensity

of stormlight about her in these conversations. You almost believe her. Working her way up through Hollywood during the late 1980s,

Bigelow stomped over the boundaries of mainstream filmmaking. The movies she made - the vampire westem "Near Dark" (1987) and the police thrillers "Blue Steel" (1990) and 'Point Break'' (1991) - subverted both genre and gender conventions.

At the same time, Bigelow's filmmaking was also helping to stereotype her as the only woman in Hol-Ivwood who directs like a man, and is screened it one night in her car on the a director of ferocious ambition what Bigelow describes today as "in-

nate competitive spirit."
All of this comes home in "Strange Days' " most hyperviolent scene, a playback sequence.

Although Lenny Nero will bend like a willow for a business deal, he does not deal in "blackjack," the equivalent of snuff films. Halfway through "Strange Days," Lenny ac-cidentally "plays back" the torture-murder of his friend Iris.

The playback scenes in "Strange Days" are a kind of cinema verité bravura. Bigelow says she had to invent a new camera and sound-record-"Strange Days," a kinetic, future-noir thriller set in Los Angeles during experiences, say, a taped tumble from a rooftop, the audience falls with

> In the case of the playback murder, Bigelow's camera places movie audiences behind the eyes of the murderer. It's difficult to recall a more uncomfortable and devastating scene than this, and Bigelow admits that she almost pushed it too far this time.

the proper headgear, allow the user to know exactly what it looks and feels like to rob a restaurant, take a warm shower inside the body of a 16-year-playback of the [point of view] and make that as absolutely intense as humanly possible. In the case of the Iris kill, I was highly conscious that I needed to create an interface with

During the playback, Bigelow's camera often cuts to Fiennes's face, revealing the hustler's growing horto be invaded, envelopes meant to be ror, the scene is Lenny's own slippery moral rebirth. "I was aware how potentially intense that could be, and choosing to intercut it with Lenny was very deliberate to do a number of

she explains. "One was to ensure that it not be a doing no more than trying to survive Even as a painter, Bigelow was red on command at political railies.



equence that would be seen as tit- as any family unit will do. They're not

illating or glorifying violence in any Bigelow is known for complicating scenes of violence for her own intellectual kicks. There's a scene in "Near Dark" in which a band of vampires commandeers a lonely roadhouse and then proceeds to

'drink" its patrons; it's one of the

most squeamishly enjoyable sequences in '80s cinema. "The nice thing with a genre like horror," she says, "is that it's a definite grid on which to hang a piece and give the audience a familiarity before you kind of subvert it. In the case of 'Near Dark,' I was interested in this

like serial killers or someone killing for pleasure; they're killing for survival. And so I kept thinking of them as this marginal family structure. I wanted to see how they could function in an alternative universe."

Bigelow grew up in the country's own alternative universe, Northern California, the daughter of a paint factory manager and a librarian. As a graduate art student in New York during the '70s, she studied at the Whitney, worked with the radical Art and Language group, posed for Robert Mapplethorpe's camera, became an editor at the theoretical journal Semiotext (e), and eventually entered

known for her obsession with detail. By the time she reached Hollywood. she had a background of exacting artistic technique as well as Sam Peckinpah and Martin Scorsese movies that played constantly in her head. Her first films are strung on the tension between meticulous study and violent release: Scenes in 'Near Dark" and "Blue Steel" have a building, meditative weight that

verges on implosion.

"I kind of grew up making art."

Bigelow explains. "I spent so much time invested in the art world. And the art world is so much about rejecting narrative. Moving into mainstream filmmaking, however, is so much about embracing narrative, if you want to simplify it. To me it was the most signifying change. I mean I was still kind of painting in those first films, with light and characters and color and sound." Bigelow is still known today as something of a techhead, disappearing for months down a hole to storyboard a film, sketching out the individual shots. But "Strange Days" is more fluid than

her earlier work. It's as if her camera has burst out of a flaming house where directors like Peckinpah and Scorsese, Sam Raimi and James Cameron (her former husband, who scripted the film) have

Whirling and dodging down the streets of a millennial Los Angeles on the brink of either apocalypse or redemotion. Bigelow's camera has tapped into something unforgettable.

Watching the movie is the closest experience we have of experiencing the fictional "playback." You exit the theater a tangled and frayed nerve net. "Love it or hate it, you are not

indifferent to it." says Bigelow. Provocative in ways that the makers of "Showgirls" would never un-derstand, "Strange Days" complicates the relationship between moviegoing audiences and films, questioning the consequences of

watching. Uncomfortable and unapologetic, it is the kind of film that will surely sort of marginal ad hoc family unit Columbia's graduate film school. make presidential nominees choke

WEATHER

Forecast for Thursday through Saturday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

North America
The East will be warm and
dry Thursday Into Friday,
then rainy and turning cooler
over the weekend. Chicago
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Angeles and San Francisco
will be dry and warm.

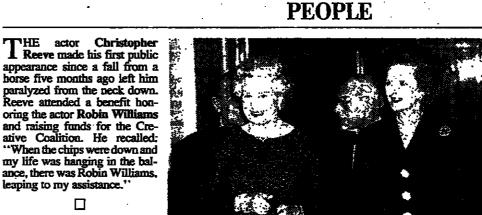
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Thursday into Friday, then dry and tranqui with sone sunshine Saturday. Paris will be dry and surry with warm sitemoons. Spain and Portugal will be windy with rain and mountain snow.

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and raising funds for the Creative Coalition. He recalled: my life was hanging in the bal-ance, there was Robin Williams, leaping to my assistance."

Queen Elizabeth II, Prime Minister John Major and scores of celebrities turned out at London's Claridges Hotel to celebrate the 70th birthday of

Jeanne Calment of France is now officially the oldest person who has ever lived. Calment, who was born on Feb. 21, 1875, reached 120 years and 238 days



Monday night for a gala dinner Queen Elizabeth and Margaret Thatcher at gala dinner.

120 years and 237 days at which Japan's Schigechiyo Izumi died in 1986.

Bernard Tapie, the bankrupt businessman-turned-politician,

on Tuesday, passing the age of Marseille after undergoing gall bladder infection. He was in satisfactory condition.

Angeles hospital after undergowas recovering in a hospital in ingreadjustment surgery follow-

ing a hip operation in June that left one of her legs shorter than the other.

Oddsmakers favored William Shakespeare but more than 7.500 British poetry lovers opted overwhelmingly for Rudyard Kipling's "If" as their favorite poem to mark National Poetry Day. "Lady of Shalott" by Lord Alfred Tennyson came in second and "The Listeners" by Walter de la Mare was third.

Is Clint Eastwood contemplating marriage? Diana Ruiz, 29, a television reporter from showing off a ruby ring she said the 65-year-old actor-director gave her. But a source close to Eastwood said the couple were Elizabeth Taylor left a Los dating and that marriage "right



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